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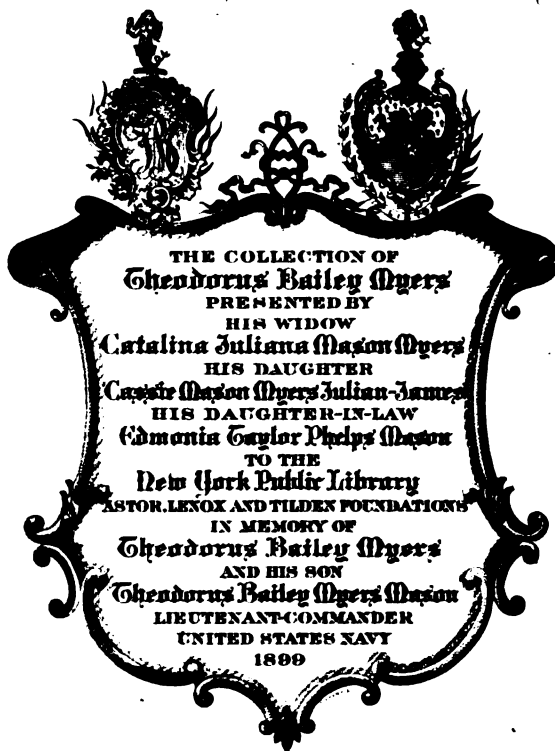
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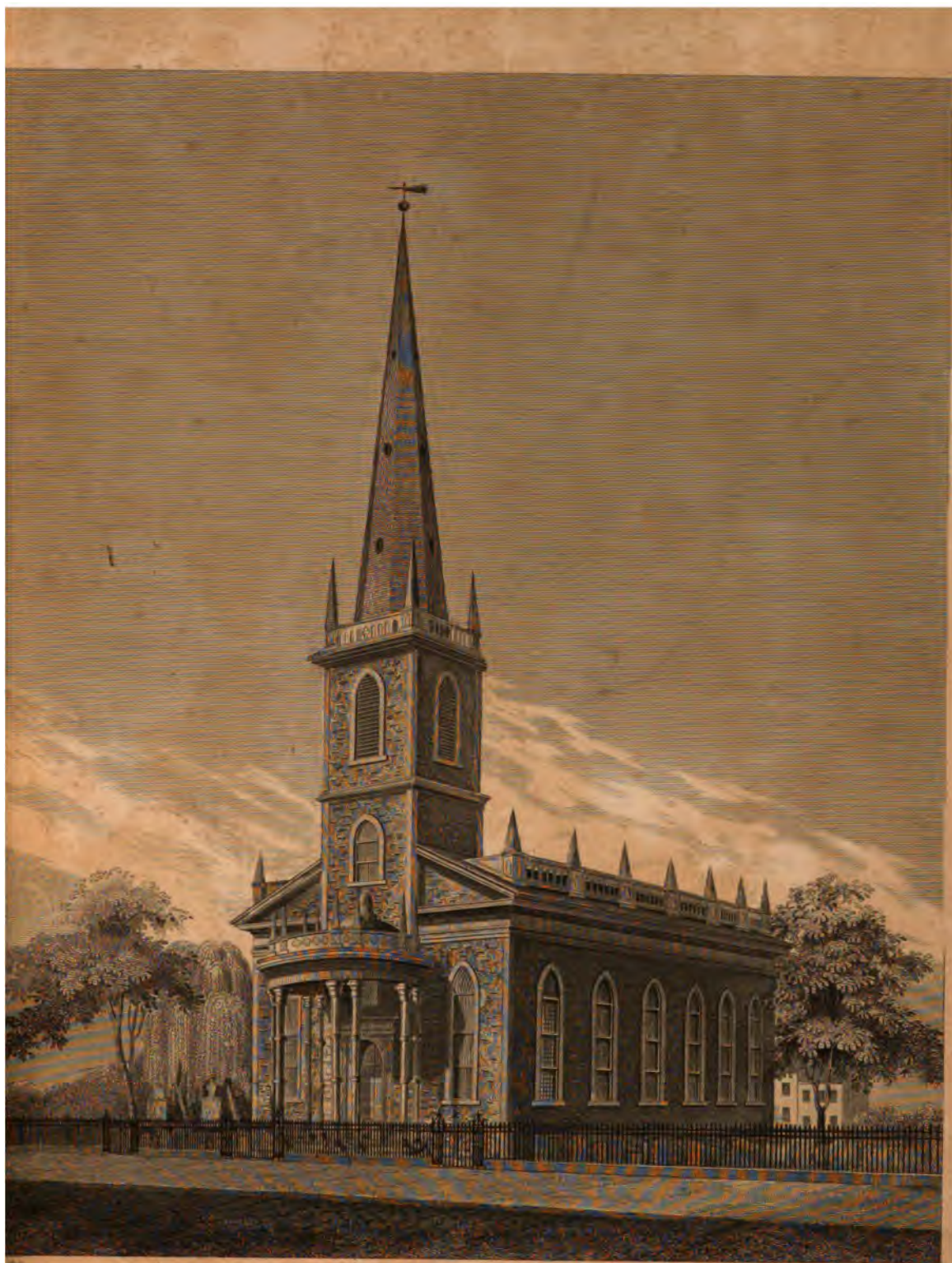
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ON THURSDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 10th, 1830.

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REV. SIR:

In behalf of the Vestry of Trinity Church, we respectfully solicit, for publication, a copy of the discourse delivered by you at the funeral of the Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., Bishop of the diocese of New-York, and Rector of Trinity Church, on Thursday, the 16th instant.

We are, Rev. and Dear Sir, with the greatest respect,

Your obedient servants,

WM. JOHNSON,
JOHN T. IRVING,
J. H. LAWRENCE,
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Standing Committee.

To Rev. Benjamin T. Onderdonk, D. D.

GENTLEMEN:

I scarcely know a more embarrassing, and in some respects, more unfavourable situation, in which a clergyman can be placed, than to be requested to preach at the funeral of a beloved and valued friend. The necessary shortness of the notice, and the accompanying agitation of mind, preclude the care and deliberation which he would wish to bestow on a public performance. The difficulty is greatly enhanced, when the standing of the deceased is calculated to draw a large share of attention to the funeral honours which may be paid to him, and to any delineation which may be attempted of his illustrious character. Trusting that the eye of criticism, if it should be disposed to glance at these pages, will not be unaffected by such circumstances of palliation for any defects, I respectfully accede to your request for a copy of this discourse; and remain,

Gentlemen, with high consideration,

Your attached friend and pastor,

BENJAMIN T. ONDERDONK.

To

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A SERMON

PREACHED AT THE FUNERAL OF THE RIGHT REV. JOHN HENRY ROBERT, D. D.

ST. JOHN. V. 35.

“He was a burning and a shining light; and ye were willing,
for a season, to rejoice in his light.”

SUCH was the Saviour's declaration of St. John the Baptist. It alluded to a figure common and well understood by the Jews, whereby a teacher of religion was called a light, or, more properly, a *lamp*, a *dispenser of light*. The expression, “for a season,” during which the Jews are declared to have been willing to rejoice in his light, may be considered either as implying reproach, on account of their not having continued steadfast in their regard for St. John's preaching, or as referring to the short continuance of his ministry. With its particular bearing, however, the present design in selecting the text, has no connexion. The verse refers to “a burning and a shining light,” whose bright irradiations were a source of joy—and joy, alas! but “for a season.”

Christian brethren, it were doing violence to the best feelings of your hearts, those which, in the order of Providence, are now the most absorbing, and at the same time the most approved by a sound and well ordered understanding, were I longer to delay that application of the subject which your affectionate sorrows loudly claim. You wish to call home every errant thought, and fix your minds wholly and undividedly on the melancholy event which has brought you to the house of God. When the words of my text first met your ears, your minds reverted, at once, to a burning and a shining light, which has been—not extinguished—but taken from us, and called to mingle with the pure splendour of perfect day. And why should we weep because another ardent spirit has been summoned to join the ranks of those who cease not, day nor night, in rendering homage to Him who sitteth upon the throne, and to the Lamb? Why should we weep because another blessed trophy of God's grace has been added to the number of the saved? Why should we weep because another soul, purified and made white in the blood of the Lamb, has been called to adorn itself in the robes of celestial righteousness? For these things we weep not. We weep not for the father and the friend who has rested from his

toils, his anxieties, and his sorrows. We weep not that a good and faithful servant has been called to the joy of his Lord. We weep not at heaven's gain: but Oh! we do weep at *our loss*. We weep, because a burning and a shining light, in which we had so long been wont to rejoice, has been taken from us. Sorrow fills the hearts of many who remember how that light shone upon their path, to direct in the way they should go, the steps of their childhood and their youth. Many a penitent weeps when he remembers how, from the ministrations of the beloved and venerated one who lies before us, light has flashed conviction of sin upon his mind, laid open the recesses of his corrupt and guilty heart, and led him for refuge to the grace of an all-sufficient Saviour, where he has found mercy, whence peace and comfort have been derived, and in the guidance and strength of which, he now goes on his way rejoicing. The bitter tear of bereavement is shed over those dear remains by many, who, in the trials and afflictions of life, have been soothed and cheered by the light of heavenly consolation, emanating from the friendly and pastoral offices so congenial with the kind and benevolent nature of the good man whose loss we now deplore. The confirmed Christian laments that he is never more to be blessed with *his* instructions,

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who so well conducted him in the ways of truth and holiness. The anxious inquirer respecting the things that belong to his everlasting peace, weeps sorely that that voice is hushed, whence he has derived so much clear light of satisfaction and of comfort. The lover of truth laments that the fearless champion has sunk in death, who was ever its ready, enlightened, and valiant advocate and defender, who set his eye and his mind immovably on what his conscience told him was the right and the truth, and thither directed all the powers of an extraordinarily clear and vigorous intellect, unbiassed by minor and collateral considerations, undaunted by what, to the self-interested, would be appalling difficulties, rising above all motives unconnected with principle and moral obligation, and going right onward, generally to a successful issue, always to the firm establishment of a claim to the testimony of a good conscience, that he had well and faithfully performed what he was honestly convinced was his bounden duty. The good member of society, devoted to its best interests, and justly appreciating whatever can tend to render social intercourse happy and delightful, laments the removal of one of its brightest ornaments, and of a most interesting exhibition of the highest virtues, of the kindest and most conciliating deportment, of frankness which pass-

ed by with contempt all guile, artifice, and deception, of cheerfulness which diffused joy all around it, of powers of conversation which ever delighted and instructed, and in short, of a combination of the best social properties, which has rarely, indeed, been met with in others. The scholar and friend of science weeps over the remains of one, in whom a liberal education produced its most interesting and valuable fruits, and one of the most conspicuous of the talented band, who put to shame the unnatural and truly unphilosophical perversion of learning, which brings it into disgraceful union with infidelity and impiety.

And if thus ordinary friends, and those who enjoyed ordinary intercourse with our beloved father, have reason to weep over the sad providence that has removed him from their society, how much more reason they whose intercourse with him was of the holy and elevated character which drew forth the affections and powers of his mind, as controlled and sanctified by *piety* of the highest order, the most genuine in its principles, and the most efficacious in its influence on the character and life. Oh! to them, indeed, he appeared in all the lustre of "a burning and a shining light;" burning with a zeal, tempered, indeed, by the most extensive and correct know-

ledge of spiritual things, and therefore, too pure, holy, and rational, to run wild in the extravagances of enthusiasm and disorder; yet truly ardent, deeply felt, and energetically practised. And bright was the lustre of that piety, in all that was lovely, interesting, and endearing. For what more lovely, interesting, and endearing, than that true piety which dissipates gloom by the humble hopes that the gospel inspires, draws peace and joy from the pure faith of revelation, and animates and cheers with the bright prospects of future eternal blessedness; and that piety which, under the directing and sanctifying influences of divine grace, rises above the world, and moves in a ~~nd~~ nd ~~re~~ ^{re} unpolluted by its vices, uncontaminated by its allurements, unruffled by its agitations, and while duly appreciating and enjoying its means of happiness, ever mainly intent on the far more exceeding felicity, which reigns in brighter realms beyond!

Such piety, brethren, seemed almost personified in the holy prelate whose remains are soon to find a resting place beneath the altar of his God. And very interesting is it, that one who so fully embraced the scriptural view of the value of the ordinance, to the solemnities of which that altar is dedicated, and of its sister institutions in the

Christian Church, should there sleep in the hope of being preserved, by the power of God, unto everlasting life. For his was that true, primitive, evangelical piety, which, building all on the one only foundation of JESUS CHRIST, and him crucified, and drawing all its hope of spiritual ability from the unmerited grace of God, dedicates to his glory the moral agency which is his gift, by seeking, in all appointed ways, the influences of that grace, and improving them by faithfully stirring up the gift of God within—the ability which cometh only of him.

Such a pattern of piety has been removed from before our eyes. Great was our privilege in having been so long permitted to rejoice in its light. And blessed be the sweet remembrance of the just! even the grave cannot extinguish that light. Oh! no: while ever the mind which truly loved to contemplate it, and truly rejoiced in its holy, happy influence, retains the power of just and virtuous appreciation, its beams will still linger, bright, cheering, and ministering safe and holy guidance.

And if the privilege was great, my brethren, of having this light so long before us, so was the attendant responsibility also great and momentous. How has the privilege been improved? How

has the pattern been imitated? How has the rule been followed? Weep not for him, ye careless and impenitent, but weep for yourselves, that you have suffered such an example to pass from before your eyes, without having duly and faithfully improved it. It was the gift of God. You have set it at nought. Right is the homage which you love to pay, in any degree, to departed worth and excellence; but it comes not up to the full measure of true respect and gratitude; it comes not up to the measure of duty to your God, and to the cause of virtue and religion; it falls far short of safety to your own souls; if it embraces not that evidence of just estimate of merit which is given in walking in the same steps of holy living.

Brethren, all who knew him saw enough of that dear departed saint, to justify our view of him as indeed "a burning and a shining light." But there were a few peculiarly blessed in their opportunities of seeing and admiring its brightness. Oh! how lovely that splendour in which the orb of day is often presented, at the very moment of his sinking from our view! There was such a splendour on the eve of the departure of that life, whose loss now fills our eyes with tears, and our hearts with wo. It was given to distant

friends to see it.* God bless the friends, who, in the remote place of his happy death, ministered so kindly, so affectionately, so unweariedly, to the comfort of his last moments. The widow's blessing will rest upon them, and the blessing of the fatherless. A bereft parish and diocese will have them in perpetual remembrance. An affectionately and devotedly attached clergy will ever pray, God's peace and blessing be upon them; and let not their good deeds be blotted out of the book of his remembrance! God make all their bed in their sickness, and give them grace to die the death of this righteous man, and to have their last end like his! They have, already, had a rich reward. It was their's to see the consolation and support of Christian peace and hope, and the glorious triumphs of Christian faith, when nature sinks, the world recedes, and the king of terrors stands in full view with awful menace. The lovely simplicity which had marked the piety of this devoted prelate during life, forsook not that which shed its sweet influences over his dying hour. His expressions were brief, unaffected, and unadorned, but full of meaning. Referring to the

* Bishop HOBART died at the residence of the Rev. Dr. RUDD, in Auburn, about 320 miles from New-York, being, at the time, on an episcopal visitation.

brightness of the sun, of which, in his characteristic fondness for the works of nature, he begged that he might have a fuller view, he spoke in admiration of its beauties; but it was the admiration of the *Christian*, looking up from providence to grace. This is, indeed, delightful, but there is a "*Sun of righteousness*." This evinced his views of the strong foundation of all his hopes, and the only source of all his joys. *There is a Sun of righteousness*. In His light he saw that only light which brought true comfort and refreshment to his soul. And rejoicing in that light, he was enabled to give evidence of the humble composure and serenity of his mind. There were three favourite ejaculations often on his lips—*God be merciful to me a sinner—God's will be done—God be praised for all his mercies*.

God be merciful to me a sinner—the effectual fervent prayer which was the blessed mean of justification to the humble and contrite publican.

God's will be done—the devout ejaculation of our Divine Exemplar, in the days of his suffering humanity. And it was attended with the devout prayer that he might not say this only because he *must*—because God's will *must* have its course; but that he might feel it; that it might

be the language, not of constraint, but of his heart—of willing, cheerful resignation.

God be praised for all his mercies. If “the ruling *passion*,” so also the ruling *affections* and *dispositions*, are “strong in death.” All who knew our beloved Bishop knew that the praises of God were a favourite employment, to which his heart was ever attuned, and in which he was ever happy to be united with a band of Christian worshippers. And now, that he saw the bright inheritance just before him, and that rest, and peace, and joy, were soon to succeed his labours, his trials, and his sufferings, he drew fresh strength from near approach to the communion of the just made perfect, and with his whole soul, blessed the Lord for all his mercies.

At this trying moment, as ever, his religious views and feelings were built on the only sure and allowed foundation—faith in the doctrines of the gospel. The corner stone of them all, the doctrine of the Trinity, presented itself to his mind in all the rich fulness of grace, mercy, and truth. He found in it comfort and support which could come from no other source. He clung to it, as that which, only, can minister to the wants of the dying Christian. He dwelt upon it as the most

glorious, and most precious of God's revelations. When the Divine Persons were separately invoked in his behalf, "Oh!" he exclaimed, "in what interesting relations does this doctrine represent the Deity as standing to his people!" And his acquiescence in this great truth, and the immense value which he set upon it, were far from being the operations of a weak, a deluded, and a superstitious mind. They were the homage of an intellect as high in order, and as rich in cultivation, as perhaps ever fell to the lot of man. But high as were its natural powers, and extensive as was its cultivation, he knew and felt it to be but the intellect of *man*. He appreciated the obvious truth, that in the perfect intelligence of the Deity there must be a capacity infinitely greater than in any human mind, and perfectly equal to the full apprehension of truths, however inexplicable and mysterious to us. He felt, too, that in the teaching of God's holy word, he was sure to be safe, and therefore, received with meekness and gratitude all that it reveals.*

* Since the above was delivered, farther most interesting particulars of the last illness of Bishop Hobart have been received from the Rev. Francis H. Cuming, who was his faithful and assiduous attendant. From this source the following particulars are added:—

With such faith, such devotion, and such piety, our revered father entered into his rest. He has gone, people of his charge, whither you must follow him; and he will stand where you must meet

"When Bishop Hobart was suffering the most agonizing pain he exclaimed, 'Oh! this pain is distressing, yet what is it compared with what my Saviour endured. I will not complain. I will not complain. God's will be done!' He often repeated the following declaration of the Psalmist, 'Like as a father pitieth his own children, even so is the LORD merciful unto them that fear him, to them that love him,' adding, at one time, as he repeated it, 'Oh! I do; do I not love that gracious Being? will he not, then, pity me; me his child? God be praised for this precious promise!'

"The following is an affecting expression of his deep humility and clear views of the salvation brought to view in the gospel: 'God be merciful to me a sinner; what can I say more? *I am a sinner; I need God's mercy; I can only throw myself on his mercy; God be merciful to me a sinner; yes, a great sinner; but I have been redeemed by the blood of my Saviour; I have been sanctified, I trust, by the divine SPIRIT; I will, therefore, hope that I shall not be denied the lowest seat in the kingdom of heaven.*' Again, he asked, '*Is there mercy for the chief of sinners?*' and thanked God for the assurances of this given by the apostle. Great was his solicitude that the doctrines of the cross should be faithfully exhibited by his bereaved clergy. To one of them he said, with a solemn earnestness, 'Be sure, that in all your preaching, the doctrines of the cross be introduced.—*No preaching is good for any thing without these.*'

"His views of prayer are strikingly evinced in the following expressions: 'Pray for me—pray that my own prayers may be heard—Oh! not, however, because of my importunities, or because

him, at the bar of impartial justice. What account can you then render of the fidelity with which you have waited on his ministrations, and the improvement which you have made of his faithful labours in your behalf? Ask this question, each one seriously of his own conscience. Ask it, on bended knees, before your God. Ask it, with a full view of the momentous consequences which rest upon a faithful answer. For nearly thirty years he has laboured among you.*

there is any worthiness in me, or them; but because of the infinite merits of Jesus, the divine intercessor.' 'You must all commend me, in your prayers, to God's mercy. You are attending to my body—forget not I have a soul to be saved—pray for my soul.' He often spoke of heaven, and once remarked, with emphasis, 'He that would be most exalted in that world, must now most humble himself, and bend himself lowest before the cross.' He often exclaimed, 'I wish to talk of God and salvation. I wish to die with the name of God in my mouth; but then,' he added, 'not God without the Saviour. CHRIST is all—God over all.' When he found himself fast sinking, he exclaimed, 'I die at peace with all men;' adding the assurance that his descent into the tomb was cheered by the bright beams of the gospel, and his spirit sustained by the cross of his Redeemer."

* Bishop Hobart was born in Philadelphia, September 14, 1775. He was ordained Deacon, in that city, by the Right Rev. Bishop White, 1799. He officiated, for a time, in Trinity Church, Oxford, and All Saints', Lower Dublin, Pennsylvania; and afterwards in Christ Church, New-Brunswick, N. J. He took charge of St. George's Church, Hempstead, L. I., in the year 1800; and in the

Many blessed evidences of his successful labour have been afforded. How many shall be added to the happy number, from among those who cannot forget, while life will last, how zealously, affectionately, and industriously, he sought their spiritual and eternal welfare?

For nearly two thirds of the period of our beloved father's ministry, he was, my reverend brethren of this diocese, over us in the Lord; and we all are witnesses with what fidelity he fulfilled the weighty trusts of his high office; what a glorious pattern of earnestness and devotion he set before us; how well he knew, and how zealously he advocated and vindicated, the principles of our

latter part of the same year removed to this city, as Assistant Minister, of, Trinity Church. He was ordained Priest in that Church by the Right Rev. Bishop Provoost, in the same year. In 1807 he received the degree of D. D. from Union College, Schenectady. At a special convention of this diocese, in May, 1811, called by the late Right Rev. Bishop Moore, in consequence of his inability to continue in full charge of the diocese, Dr. Hobart was elected Assistant Bishop, and was consecrated, in the same month, in Trinity Church in this city, by the Right Rev. Bishop White, of Pennsylvania; the Right Rev. Bishop Provoost, residing in New-York, and the Right Rev. Bishop Jarvis, of Connecticut, being present and assisting. On the retiring of the late Rev. Dr. Beach, in the fall of 1813, he became the Assistant Rector of Trinity Church. On the death of Bishop Moore, in February, 1816, Bishop Hobart became the Diocesan, and the Rector of Trinity Church.

holy Church; and how successfully he pursued, in her behalf, what his well-informed and well-regulated judgment satisfied him was the policy the most accordant with her interests, and with the interests of the ever-blessed gospel, on whose account he loved her so much, cherished her so faithfully, defended her so valiantly, and laboured so industriously in her cause. Oh! we have had privileges and blessings in our connexion with our spiritual father, of the choicest and most elevated character. Forget we not, therefore, that we have correspondent weighty obligations resting upon us. Be not our's the guilt of godly counsels neglected, and a godly example unfollowed. Under the softening and chastening influence of the affliction which now fills our hearts, it will be well to renew our vows of ministerial duty, and to devote ourselves, with fresh vigour, to the work whereunto we have been called. Melancholy is the reflection, that, besides our venerated father, six of our brethren of this diocese* have been

*The Rev. William Harris, D. D., President of Columbia College, New-York; the Rev. Isaac Wilkins, D. D., Rector of St. Peter's Church, Westchester; the Rev. Daniel M'Donald, D. D., Professor in Geneva College; the Rev. John Sellon; the Rev. William Thompson, Rector of Christ Church, Rye; and the Rev. Edmund D. Griffin, Deacon, supplying the place of the absent Professor of Rhetoric and Belles Lettres in Columbia College.

called away since, less than a year ago, we assembled in our ecclesiastical convention. The hoary head, the mature in years, and the almost youthful fellow servant at the altar, have been taken from us. We are spared; but God only knows how long we shall be.

What shall I say of this our bereft diocese? Brethren, it is impossible for words to express what we of the diocese most acutely feel. The praise of our late head is in every church; and churchmen of other dioceses, and the religious of every name, give us their tenderest condolence, because they feel and know that a greater loss could hardly have been sustained by a religious body. I might speak of an activity and of labours, almost beyond the ordinary strength of man. I might speak of an energy, a quickness, a devotion, of mental powers, perhaps without a parallel. I might refer to the promptness with which the calls of duty were ever answered, at the most disinterested sacrifice of comfort, of feeling, and of the ten thousand considerations which would have stood in the way of ordinary men. I might tell of the nearly threefold increase of the diocese which has blessed the labours of him who there sleeps in silence. I might call on the zealous missionary, or the faithful parish priest, to bear

testimony how his spiritual father has encouraged; aided, and co-operated with him in his labours; how he has cheered him, when ready to despond; what excellent counsel he has given him in difficulties; and how he has strengthened his hands, when he began to yield to the many discouragements which lie in the way of the minister of the gospel. But, brethren, why should I do this? Your hearts anticipate all I have to say, and your memories crowd proof after proof on your minds. Oh! let us be duly thankful for the rich blessing we have enjoyed, and humbly pray, and faithfully strive, that it may not be lost; but that the influence of principles so correct, a policy so sound, and labours so abundant, may be maintained and strengthened, as a permanent blessing to our diocese.

But this diocese is far from being alone concerned in our bereavement. A voice is hushed which was never raised in the *general* councils of our Church, without commanding the respect and influence to which it was every way entitled. The cause of pure religion has been deprived of one of its most able and enlightened advocates and supporters. Virtue and morality lament that diligent teaching and a uniform example, of inestimable value to their interests, are no

more. Literature and science have bid a long adieu to one of their most faithful and judicious friends. And every interest connected with human welfare, and the elevation of the human character, droops, in melancholy and in mourning, over the ashes of one who well knew how they might best be promoted, and faithfully and indefatigably laboured to promote them.

Over those venerated ashes let devout Christians kneel, and meekly and resignedly exclaiming "God's *will be done*," pray devoutly that his grace may cause the affliction of this day of sadness to work for us spiritual good here, and a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, in those happy regions where all tears will be wiped from all eyes, where there will be no more sorrow, sickness, or death, and where the righteous will enjoy perpetual rest and felicity.

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WITH mingled emotions of pain and satisfaction the following testimonies are here added, of the deep feeling of bereavement and loss experienced by all classes of society in the dispensation which gave occasion to the foregoing sermon, as well as the high estimation in which the character and many virtues of our lamented Diocesan and Father were held by all. Most fully do these testimonies justify the even tenor of his course, the singleness of his aim, and the steadiness, the uncompromising steadiness of its pursuit. Many additional proofs of respectful and sacred remembrance of Bishop HOBART have been given, but not having reached us in proper form, are, we regret, precluded from insertion here.

TRINITY CHURCH.

AT a meeting of the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Corporation of Trinity Church, in the city of New-York, on Wednesday, September 15, 1830, the following resolutions were adopted:

Having received the afflicting intelligence of the death, while on a visitation to a distant part of his diocese, of the Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., Bishop of New-York and Rector of this Church, and fully sensible of our duty as Christians, to bend with humble submission to the ordering of a wise and overruling Providence: we hereby unanimously resolve—

That we shall ever hold in the most grateful and respectful

remembrance the truly Christian and apostolic character and eminent services of our deeply lamented Rector.

That as a part of the diocese of New-York, and of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, we feel it a duty to our venerated and beloved friend and pastor to express, as we do hereby express, our high sense of his promptitude, unexampled zeal, and unwearied exertions to promote every object connected with the best interests of religion and of the Church, of which he was one of the most able, disinterested, and indefatigable servants.

That the respectful and affectionate condolence of the Vestry be tendered to the afflicted relict and family of the deceased.

That, with the concurrence of the family of the deceased, the funeral be conducted under the direction of the Corporation of this Church; and that Mr. M'Evers, the Hon. Judge Irving, Mr. Hone, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Johnson, be a committee to make such arrangements in relation thereto as they may think best suited to manifest the feelings of this Church on this melancholy event.

That in further testimony of our high respect for the memory of our late Rector, the members of this Vestry will attend his funeral as mourners, and wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

That Trinity Church and St. Paul's and St. John's Chapels be hung in customary mourning until the festival of Christmas:

That a certified copy of these resolutions be delivered to Mrs. Hobart, the respected relict of our late Rector.

NEHEMIAH ROGERS,

Chairman and Church Warden.

WM. JOHNSON, *Clerk, pro. tem.*

GRACE CHURCH.

At a meeting of the Vestry of Grace Church, New-York, held in the Vestry room on Wednesday morning, September the 15th, 1830.

The Rector having communicated to the Vestry that he had convened them on occasion of the distressing intelligence of

the death of our highly respected and beloved Bishop, the following resolutions were proposed and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the members of this Vestry have heard, with the deepest grief, of the loss which they, the diocese, and the Church at large have sustained in the death of the Right Rev. Bishop HOBART; and although they feel it to be their duty to bow with humble submission to this afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence, yet they are desirous of thus recording their sorrow, and the unqualified respect and affection with which they regard the character of their late Diocesan.

Resolved, That in their estimation the Church in this diocese is chiefly indebted, under Providence, for its rapid increase and its present peaceful and flourishing condition, to the wisdom, zeal, energy, self-devotion, and piety of its late Bishop, in whose character were beautifully combined virtues that dignify and adorn our nature, varied talents of the highest order, piety deep and unaffected, a heart replete with affectionate and benevolent sentiments, and a deportment that won the confidence and love of all who knew him.

Resolved, That in the testimony of our grief, and as a tribute of our respect for our departed Bishop, this Church be hung in black until the festival of Christmas, and that the Vestry will attend the funeral, and wear crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

Resolved, That the Clerk of the Vestry send a certified copy of these resolutions to Mrs. Hobart, and communicate to her and her family the expression of their heartfelt condolence with them in this afflictive bereavement.

(Signed) EDWARD R. JONES,

[A true copy.] *Clerk of the Vestry of Grace Church.*

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH.

At a special meeting of the Vestry of St. Thomas' Church, New-York, held on Wednesday, 16th September, 1830—On motion of Mr. John Duer, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the intelligence of the death of their Reverend Diocesan, the Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D.,

has been received by the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Thomas' Church, New-York, with the deepest affliction; and while they deplore a loss which the grief of the whole community will attest, they feel that, humanly speaking, it is to the Church irreparable.

Resolved, That in our opinion some measures ought to be adopted at the approaching State Convention, for perpetuating in the Church the memory of the pure and exalted character of the deceased; His noble frankness, his ardour, generosity, and disinterestedness; his judicious zeal, his ceaseless labour, the entire devotion of his time, his affections and his intellect, to the cause of his Redeemer, and the interests of his diocese; as we solemnly believe that, under God, these have been the principal means of preserving the unity, maintaining the order, and extending the bounds of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this State.

Resolved, That we offer to the bereaved family of the deceased our most sincere and affectionate condolence; yet while we sympathize with them on their grief, we are sustained by the fervent hope, that He whom the husband and the father so faithfully served, will sanctify and bless their affliction.

Resolved, That we will attend the funeral of the deceased as mourners, and will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That St. Thomas' Church be hung in the customary mourning until the festival of Christmas.

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be communicated to the Widow and family of the deceased by our Rector.

RICHARD OAKLEY,

Secretary pro. tem.

ST. MARK'S CHURCH.

Extract from the Minutes of a meeting of the Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Mark's Church on Thursday, 16th inst. (September.)

It having pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to remove from this world the Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART

Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of New-York, this Board, deeply sensible of the pre-eminent zeal, talents, and attainments of their deceased Diocesan, and in order to express their unfeigned grief at the loss they have sustained in common with the Church throughout the state, in being deprived of the superintending care of their venerable head—but at the same time humbly submitting to Divine Providence—

Resolve, That St. Mark's Church in the Bowery, be hung in the usual mourning until the festival of Christmas.

Resolved, That in further testimony of our esteem, we will attend the funeral of our late Bishop and wear the usual badge of mourning *thirty days*.

Resolved, That a copy of the foregoing resolutions be handed to the relict and family of our late Bishop.

Attest: J. M. CATLIN,
Clerk.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Stephen's Church New-York, held this day, Sept. 16, 1830, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

The Vestry of St. Stephen's Church having heard with the deepest emotions of sorrow, of the recent dispensation of Almighty God, which has removed from the scene of his earthly labours the Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., Bishop of this diocese, and sincerely sympathizing with his afflicted family, the diocese, and Church at large, on this mournful occasion, therefore,

Resolve, 1. That while we bow with humble submission to the will of the Divine Head of the Church, in the removal of him to whom, under God, this diocese is in a peculiar sense indebted for a "long continuance of nursing care and protection," it affords us a satisfaction, melancholy indeed, but exceedingly grateful to our feelings, to cherish the recollection of his exalted worth and to bear our feeble testimony to that bright example of Christian character so conspicuously manifested in his exertions for the extension of the Kingdom of his

Redeemer and the promotion of the best interests of that branch of Zion's heritage over which he so long and faithfully presided, and in whose service, while actively engaged, he was suddenly called hence to his eternal rest.

Resolved, 2. That in token of our respect for the memory of our late Bishop, the Members of this Board will attend the funeral in a body, that the Church be placed in mourning, and that the Vestry will wear the customary badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, 3. That the Rector and Wardens be a Committee to wait upon Mrs. Hobart and her family with a copy of these resolutions and to tender to them the respectful and heartfelt condolence of this Board.

Extract from the Minutes.

HENRY ANTHON, *Chairman*.

JOHN H. HINTON, *Secretary*.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.

At a meeting of the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of St. Luke's Church, New-York, held on Thursday, September 16, 1830, at half past 7 o'clock A. M., the following Resolutions were unanimously passed :—

1st. That this Vestry have heard, with feelings of deep and unfeigned sorrow, of the decease of their venerated and highly esteemed Diocesan, the Right Rev. Bishop HOBART; and most sincerely sympathize with his bereaved family, and that portion of the Church of CHRIST over which he was the active, diligent, and most faithful overseer.

2d. That this Vestry will ever hold in most grateful remembrance, the exalted talents, the ardent and enlightened piety, the unbending integrity, the liberal and noble spirit, the unwearied industry, and the kind and condescending deportment of their late friend and Diocesan, the Right Rev. Bishop HOBART.

3d. That this Vestry will attend the funeral of Bishop HOBART, as mourners, and will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

4th. That when St. Luke's Church shall be re-opened for divine service, the pulpit and reading desk be shrouded in black until the festival of Christmas.

5th. That the Secretary convey to Mrs. Hobart a copy of the foregoing resolutions.

HENRY RITTER,

Chairman and Church Warden.

Attest:

T. J. WATERS, *Secretary.*

EGLISE PROTESTANTE EPISCOPALE FRANCAISE

DU SAINT-ESPRIT A NEW-YORK.

Séance extraordinaire.

[*Extrait des minutes de la séance du 16 Septembre, 1830.*]

Communication ayant été faite au *vestry* par son président, de l'affligeante nouvelle de la mort du Très Rév'd Eveque HOBART, D. D., décédé au village d'Auburn dimanche 12 Septembre, 1830, étant en voyage pour remplir ses devoirs pastoraux; nous avons été unanimes (tout en nous soumettant à cette dispensation de la Divine Providence, qui nous a enlevé le chef vénéré et chéri de notre Eglise) à deplorer profondément cette perte et à sympathiser avec sa famille affligée ainsi qu'avec tous les membres de l'Eglise en général.

En conséquence nous avons résolu

1° comme un témoignage de notre admiration pour ses talents distingués, sa vraie piété, son zèle ardent, et ses continuels travaux pour la cause du Christianisme, que nous porterons le deuil accoutumé pendant 30 jours;

2° que notre Eglise sera tendue en deuil jusqu' à la Noël;

3° qu'une copie de ces résolutions sera transmise à la famille du Très Vénéré Défunt.

Pour copi conforme,

J. C. ZIMMERMAN,

Secrétaire.

ST. CLEMENT'S CHURCH.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Clement's Church, in the city of New-York, on the 18th day of September, 1830, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to remove from the Church on earth, the Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., Bishop of this diocese, in the full vigour of his intellect and in the midst of his usefulness ; and whereas, the Vestry of this Church deem it a duty incumbent on them, to express their high sense of the exalted character, zeal, and piety of their late beloved Diocesan, and their deep emotions of sorrow at this afflicting dispensation of Almighty wisdom ; therefore,

Resolved, That we sincerely unite in the general sorrow, and unfeignedly mourn over the loss of our venerated and beloved Bishop, who, with a zeal that knew no bounds, with ardent piety, untiring assiduity, and entire devotion of his exalted talents, learning, and eloquence, dedicated himself and all his powers and affections to the promotion of the best interest of the Church over which he presided, and which he so much loved. Though we feel it a duty to bow with submission to the Divine Will, yet must we ever lament the untimely loss of this persevering friend and eloquent advocate of the Church to which we belong.

Resolved, That as a further testimonial of respect for the memory of our late Bishop, the members of this Vestry will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days ; and that the desk where the services of our congregation are celebrated be hung in the usual mourning until the festival of Christmas.

Resolved, That we sincerely and affectionately sympathize with the family of the deceased under this afflicting bereavement ; and that a copy of these resolutions be presented to them by the Rector of this Church, with the respectful condolence of this Vestry.

Resolved, That a certified copy of the foregoing resolutions be published. Extracts from the minutes.

EDWARD N. MEAD, *Secretary*

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, JOHNSTOWN.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Church, Johnstown, on the 18th day of September, 1830, held in consequence of the melancholy intelligence of the sudden and unexpected death of the Right Rev. Bishop HOBART, it was unanimously

Resolved, That the afflictive providence which has removed from us our venerated Diocesan, calls upon us in common with the Episcopal Churches throughout the diocese, to mourn the loss of one who while living we loved, and whom, now dead, we venerate.—His unexampled zeal, fidelity, and promptitude, in labouring to discharge all the arduous duties of his apostolic and ministerial character, and to promote the best interests of our Holy religion and of the Church, placed him high in our affections, and entitled him to the love and esteem of all who wished for the prosperity of our Zion.

Resolved, That as a testimony of our respect for the memory of our late beloved and deeply lamented Diocesan, this Church be hung in customary mourning, until the Christmas festival.

Extract from the minutes.

JOSEPH FARMER, *Secretary*.

ZION CHURCH, NEW-YORK.

At a meeting of the Vestry of Zion Church, held Sept. 20th, 1830, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

The Sovereign Disposer of all events, having lately deprived us by death of the learned, pious, zealous, laborious and successful Bishop of the diocese, therefore

Resolved, That we sympathize with his bereaved family in all the grief they feel on this melancholy occasion.

Resolved, That as members of the Protestant Episcopal Church, we reflect with the deepest emotion and concern, on the death of our excellent and eminent father in God, and mourn over that trying dispensation which has thus extinguished in the Church a light which shone for so many years

with distinguished lustre, spreading light and life in an extensive manner through the diocese.

Resolved, That in testimony of our respect for the memory of our late beloved Bishop, this church be placed in mourning until the festival of Christmas, and that the Vestry wear the usual badge of mourning.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, certified by the secretary of this board, be transmitted to the bereaved widow and family of our late Bishop.

GEORGE C. MORGAN,
Secretary of the Vestry of Zion Church.

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH.

At an extra meeting of the Vestry of St. Philip's Church, held in the Vestry Room, on the evening of the 20th September, 1830, the Rector stated the object of the meeting to be, to consider the propriety of a public expression of our gratitude for the friendship and protection manifested by the late Bishop HOBART to St. Philip's Church, and of the deep sense of the loss we have sustained by the severe bereavement to the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the diocese of New-York, in the death of their pious and indefatigable Diocesan. Whereupon it was

Resolved, That this Vestry, in common with Episcopalians in the diocese of New-York, deeply deplore the loss of their and our much esteemed Bishop.

Resolved, That this Vestry are sensible that in the death of Bishop HOBART they have sustained the loss of a warm and efficient friend, and that they will ever cherish a grateful remembrance of the many acts of kindness they have received from him.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family of the deceased Bishop, and that the same be published in the daily papers.

Copy from the minutes.

P. VOGELSANG,
Secretary to the Vestry of St. Philip's Church.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, CANANDAIGUA.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. John's Church, in Canandaigua, held on the 13th September, 1830,

Resolved, That this Vestry deeply deplore the great and incalculable loss sustained by our country, by religion, and particularly by the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the sudden death of the Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, while engaged in the discharge of his arduous episcopal functions: and that we sincerely condole with his bereaved family and friends in the sufferings which must be caused by this afflicting dispensation of Providence.

Resolved, That as St. John's Church in Canandaigua is indebted, under Providence, for its original establishment, to the assiduity and zeal of the late Bishop HOBART, and for its continuance and preservation through great difficulties and impediments, to his paternal care and affection, constantly and steadily exerted for more than fifteen years, it is proper that those who represent it should evince their gratitude for his services, and their estimation of his virtues and his usefulness, by such means as their situation permits, and that this Vestry therefore, direct that the church be immediately put into mourning, and that as soon as may be, a Tablet be erected therein in memory of the lamented Bishop. The members of this Vestry will also wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and they respectfully recommend to the members of the congregation to do the same, in testimony of our profound grief at the afflicting bereavement sustained by them and the whole Episcopal Church.

Resolved, That the Rev. Mr. Kearney be requested, at such time as shall be most convenient, to deliver a discourse upon the character and virtues of the lamented Bishop HOBART.

J. C. SPENCER, *Chairman*.

H. F. PENFIELD, *Secretary*.

CHRIST CHURCH, OSWEGO.

The Vestry of Christ Church, in the village of Oswego, adopted the following resolution, on the 14th instant:—

Resolved, That as a testimonial of our sorrow for the loss of our beloved and highly respected Bishop, and of our regard for his eminent talents, devoted zeal, and unaffected piety, the members of this Vestry will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and that the minister of this church be requested to deliver a sermon appropriate to the occasion, on Sunday next, in the forenoon.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, ROCHESTER.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Luke's Church, held at their Vestry Room, in the village of Rochester, the 14th day of September, A. D. 1830.

A severe dispensation of Divine Providence is announced to us. The declaration that we should ever bear in mind, "*In the midst of life we are in death*," has been fully made manifest. The late Bishop of this diocese is dead! But two weeks before his decease he, in this church, instituted our Rector, and administered the apostolic rite of confirmation. All then felt the inspiring influence of his holy zeal, and "our hearts burned within us while he talked with us by the way, and while he opened to us the Scriptures."

This was almost his last ministerial act. We should receive it as "the voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight," and humble ourselves before God, and mourn for our sins.

We feel sensibly, we hope, this divine dispensation, and humbly pray God to direct us in the way of our duty, and that, in due time, he will raise up another Bishop, who shall with equal consistency preserve the integrity of the Church—with equal self-devotedness dedicate himself to her interests—with equal piety adorn her highest offices, and, like him we mourn,

be the polished gentleman, the practical scholar, the consistent Christian, and the best of Bishops.

It is proper on this occasion that we mingle our griefs with those of the bereaved family of our late Bishop, and of the whole diocese, and show forth, as far as in us lies, by external acts, our sense of this bereavement. Therefore,

Resolved, That we deeply mourn the death of our beloved Bishop, and sympathize with his bereaved family and with the whole diocese, and ask to mingle our tears with theirs. Our loss is common. He who was our guide and father is taken from us. Let us adore the wisdom and love of Him who ordereth all things after the counsel of his will, pray that he will have pity on the widow and the fatherless, and that he will speak peace unto his people and to his saints, and build again the waste places of Zion.

Resolved, That St. Luke's Church be hung in black for thirty days, and during that time the Vestry wear the usual badge of mourning.

Resolved, That the family of the late Bishop be respectfully requested to furnish us, for publication, a copy of the sermon delivered by him at the institution of our Rector, that we may have continually before us his parting exposition of the relative duties of minister and people.

Resolved, That the Secretary cause a copy of these resolutions to be delivered to the family of the late Bishop.

(A copy from the minutes.)

N. T. ROCHESTER, *Clerk of the Vestry.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, ALBANY.

Proceedings of the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Paul's Church, in the city of Albany, September 14, 1830.

Whereas it hath pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence to remove from this world the learned and pious Bishop of this diocese in the full vigour of his talents, and in the midst of his career of usefulness, therefore,

Resolved, by the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of St. Paul's Church, in the city of Albany, That we deeply sympa-

thize with his afflicted relatives and friends in their distressing bereavement, and lament with them their irreparable loss.

Resolved, That as members of the Protestant Episcopal Church we sincerely mourn over this afflicting dispensation, which deprives us of the invaluable services of one who has done honour to the Church, and whom the Church has delighted to honour; of one who, with untiring industry, moral courage, and pious zeal worthy of the apostolic age, has devoted his time and talents to the cause of CHRIST and his Church.

Resolved, That as members of the diocese of New-York, we heartily regret the loss of our venerated Bishop, whose official labours have so essentially contributed to the rapid growth and flourishing condition of our Zion, and whose daily walk and conversation have furnished a beautiful illustration of those precious truths he so ably and zealously proclaimed.

Resolved, That the above resolutions be published, and a copy forwarded to the family of the deceased.

WM. LINN KEESE,

*Rector of St. Paul's Church, Albany, in behalf of
the Wardens and Vestry of said Parish.*

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, ALBANY.

In Vestry, September 15, 1830.

The Vestry of St. Peter's Church, in the city of Albany, sensible of the great loss which they, and the cause of religion and sound learning generally, sustain in the decease of the Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of New-York, and participating in the common grief caused by this event, *unanimously*

Resolve, That while they bow with submission to the will of Him who chasteneth in mercy, they sincerely condole with their sister churches in the removal of their spiritual head and guide, eminent in the ministrations of his high office, and adorning the Church and mankind by the richest mental and spiritual endowments.

That his exhibitions of the doctrines and usages of our holy

and apostolical Church, and his administration of the government of this diocese for more than nineteen years, have endeared his memory to our own hearts, and are worthy of the imitation of his successors.

That, sincerely sympathizing with the widow and relatives of the deceased, we will offer up to Almighty God our fervent prayers for their support and consolation ; and

That, in testimony of our veneration for the private and public character of our late beloved Diocesan, we will cause the church to be put and kept in mourning for thirty days.

Copied from the minutes of the Vestry of St. Peter's Church.

H. BARTOW, *Secretary, pro tem.*

ST. ANN'S CHURCH, BROOKLYN.

At a special meeting of the Vestry of St. Ann's Church, Brooklyn, held on Thursday, Sept. 16th, 1830, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

This Board having received, with emotions of unfeigned sorrow, the mournful intelligence of the death of their highly respected Bishop, the Right Reverend JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., do

Resolve, That while we bow submissively to this dispensation of the Divine will, we cannot refrain from expressing our deep grief for the severe loss which we, in common with our brethren of the Protestant Episcopal Church throughout the United States, have sustained.

That the diocese of the State of New-York over which this distinguished prelate has so ably and, under Providence, so faithfully presided, will long deplore this premature bereavement of him who was indeed a " burning and a shining light," a man of learning, virtue, and undissembled piety.

That the Wardens and Vestrymen of this church, deeply sympathizing with the afflicted family of our late beloved and venerated Diocesan, do respectfully tender them our sincere condolence on this heart-rending event.

That in further testimony of our respect for the memory of

the illustrious deceased, St. Ann's Church be clad in suitable mourning, and that the members of this Board will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

That the above proceedings be published, and that the Wardens be a committee to present a copy of them to the disconsolate and bereaved family.

JOSHUA SANDS,

Church Warden and Chairman.

F. C. TUCKER, *Secretary.*

Letter addressed to Mrs. Hobart by the Rector of St. John's Church, Elizabethtown, N. J., by request of the Vestry of that Church.

Elizabethtown, Sept. 16, 1830.

MY DEAR MADAM,

At a meeting of the vestry of St. John's Church, in this place, held immediately after receiving the melancholy intelligence of the bereavement with which it has pleased God, in the wisdom of his providence, to visit you and the Church, it was

Resolved, unanimously, that the Vestry, in testimony of their affection and respect for the Right Rev. Dr. HOBART, and of their deep sense of the loss which they, in common with his friends, his diocese, and the whole Church, have sustained, would attend his funeral in a body, and that a letter of affectionate condolence should be addressed to the widow and family, in their behalf, and that the Rector be requested to perform the office.

It must be gratifying to you, that the vestry of St. John's Church—a church which recalls to your mind the earliest recollections, and the most endearing associations, and underneath which repose the remains of your venerated parents, desire, for themselves and their fellow worshippers, respectfully to tender you and your family their affectionate condolence in your sore bereavement, and their cordial sympathy in your affliction. I will not attempt to describe the deep sorrow which is felt by his numerous friends in this community. All

are afflicted—all mourn for one who was more than dear to them. That God who raised him up to be an ornament and blessing to his Church, will sustain you and your dear family with the spiritual consolations and supports which he alone can give. You have the affectionate sympathy of the Church which he so much loved, and to promote whose interests he devoted his great talents with so much singleness of heart, energy of action, and purity and firmness of purpose. The clergy and laity venerated him as a father and friend, and in mingling their tears with yours, feel oppressed with the same affliction. When the first emotions of grief have given place to calm submission and resignation you will find inexhaustible sources of comfort in the recollection of his domestic virtues, in his long and great usefulness, in the purity of his intentions, and his vast exertions, in his humble and ardent piety, in his supreme love of the Saviour, and of the Church for his sake, in his peaceful and triumphant death, and in the sure trust that he now rests from his labours in the fulness of joy. Be assured, that with our sympathy in your great affliction, you have our fervent prayers, that you and your family may richly experience the supports of the gospel, and that this mournful event may be sanctified both to them and to the Church of the Redeemer.

I am, very truly, Your friend, &c.

B. G. NOBLE,

Rector of St. John's Church.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, TROY.

From the New-York Evening Post.

The vestry of St. Paul's Church, in Troy, convened on the 17th inst. for the purpose of signifying a respectful remembrance of their late venerated and beloved Diocesan, "under the impression of the sacred relation in which he stood to them, and in which his exalted talents, exercised with fidelity, diligence, and zeal, had greatly endeared him;" and resolved that their two churches be hung in black, and that they would wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH, NEWBURGH.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. George's Church, Newburgh, Orange county, held on the 18th September, proceedings, which have not yet been received, were held in reference to the death of Bishop HOBART, and it was resolved to put their church in mourning until the Festival of Christmas; and on Sunday the 19th, an appropriate funeral sermon was delivered by the Rector, the Reverend John Brown.

TRINITY CHURCH, UTICA.

At a meeting of the Rector, Wardens, and Vestrymen of Trinity Church, Utica, held in said church on the evening of the 19th September, 1830, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That we have heard, with feelings of the deepest sorrow, of the death of our venerated and beloved friend and father in God, the Right Reverend JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., Bishop of the diocese of New-York.

Resolved, That while we feel it our duty to bow submissively to the dispensations of an all-wise Providence, we view his death as a severe loss to the Church at large, and to this Diocese in particular, of which he was the able and efficient head.

Resolved, That we sincerely sympathize with the family and friends of the deceased in this afflictive bereavement.

Resolved, That we feel it our duty thus publicly to express the high sense we entertain of his exalted talents and illustrious virtues, and our entire approbation of that course of policy which he has so fearlessly and firmly pursued, in advancing the cause of Christianity and of the Church.

Resolved, That, in testimony of our high respect for his virtues and talents, this church be hung in customary mourning.

Resolved, As a farther mark of our esteem and love for his memory, we will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to Mrs. Hobart, the respected relict of our much-lamented Diocesan.

(Signed) **B. DORR,**
Rector of Trinity Church, Utica.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH, HYDE PARK.

At a meeting of the Wardens and Vestrymen, and other gentlemen of the congregation of St. James' Church, Hyde Park, Dutchess county, September 19, 1830, the following Resolutions were adopted:

That we have received, with the deepest regret, the afflicting intelligence of the death of our beloved Diocesan, the Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D.

That, in testimony of our high veneration for the character and affection for the person of the deceased, we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

That the Church of St. James be hung in customary mourning, until the festival of Advent Sunday.

That our respectful and affectionate condolence be tendered to the afflicted family of the deceased.

JOHN JOHNSTON,
Church Warden.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, NEW-YORK.

At a meeting of the Vestry of All Saints' Church, in the city of New-York, on the 20th of September, 1830, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted.

Whereas, in the unsearchable counsels of infinite wisdom, it has pleased the Supreme and Sovereign Disposer of life and death to remove from the scene of his earthly labours the Bishop of this diocese, the Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., and in this dispensation to bereave us and the Church at large of the light, the zeal, and the talents, of one of the brightest stars which has ever appeared in her constellation of apostles and ministers—one of the boldest defenders and ablest

advocates of divine truth—one whose eloquence as a preacher, virtues as a citizen, and piety as a Christian, were not surpassed, if at all equalled, by any of the age—and one who, in the quickness of his perceptions, the promptitude of his exertions, the untiring energy of his efforts, and the often gigantic magnitude of their results, excited and concentrated the admiration, the love, and the hope of the great body of the Christian community : therefore,

Resolved, That while we contemplate, with the deepest emotions of sorrow and regret, this dispensation of Divine Providence—although we should neither repine nor complain, knowing that “the Judge of all the earth must do right”—yet we hesitate not to declare our conviction, that this loss to the Church and to the present generation is, to human appearance, irreparable.

Resolved, That, as a mark of our heartfelt sorrow and deep humiliation, and that of the congregation in general, at this distressing event, this church be dressed in mourning until Christmas.

Resolved, That we unite with other congregations of the diocese, in expressing to the afflicted widow and children of our deceased Rt. Rev. Father in God our most sincere and unfeigned condolence for the loss they have sustained ; and that a copy of these resolutions be presented to them through the Rector of this Church.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published.

Attest :

ELIJAH WOOD, *Secretary*.

ST. ANDREWS' CHURCH, NEW-YORK.

New-York, Sept. 20, 1830.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Andrews' Church of this city, held on Saturday, the 18th inst., the following resolutions were adopted unanimously :

Resolved, That we have heard, with heartfelt sorrow, of the death of our Right Rev. Father in God, JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., the Bishop of this state, and desire to sympathize with the Church at large in this most afflicting bereavement.

Resolved, That our respectful condolence be communicated to the Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church, who have thus been deprived of the eminent services of one who laboured to do them good.

Resolved, That in testimony of our grief the pulpit and desk of St. Andrews' Church be hung in mourning until the festival of Christmas, and that the members of this Vestry wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions, certified by the Rector, be conveyed to the family of our lamented Bishop, who have sustained a loss to them irreparable.

GEORGE L. HINTON, *Rector*.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEW-YORK.

At a meeting of the Vestry of Christ Church, in this city, on Thursday, the 23d inst., the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

That as it has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to call to himself our greatly beloved and highly esteemed Bishop, the Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., of this diocese, in the plenitude of his usefulness, and in the vigorous exercise of his ample and unquestioned energies ; the Vestry of Christ Church, being deeply sensible of the loss the Church has sustained in the removal of this invaluable Prelate ;—

Resolved, That we do unite in the universal sorrow, and most sincerely lament the premature death of this our much loved and highly endowed Bishop, whose industry and untiring zeal in the promotion of the best interests of the Protestant Episcopal Church had become proverbial ; who, united to great attainments in learning and eloquence, the most humble piety and devotion to the will of his Maker ; with these sentiments for our bereavement we shall ever cherish with affectionate regard the memory of our deceased Bishop.

Resolved, That as a small testimony of our respect, we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and that our church be clothed in black until the next Christmas festival.

Resolved, That we most affectionately condole and sympa-

thize with the bereaved widow and family of the deceased, earnestly commending them to the protection and guidance of that God who never leaves nor forsakes those who trust in him. "The LORD gave and the LORD hath taken away: blessed be the name of the LORD."

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be presented to the afflicted family.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published.

E. HITCHCOCK, *Secretary*.

LETTER FROM BISHOP WHITE.

From the New-York Evening Post, of Sept. 18.

Extract of a letter from the Right Rev. Bishop WHITE, of Pennsylvania, to a clergyman in this city, written in reply to one announcing to that truly venerable prelate the melancholy event of the death of Bishop HOBART.

"During my long life, Sir, I have not known any work of death, exterior to the circle of my own family, so afflictive to me as the present. I have known, and have had occasion to remark, the character of my now deceased friend, from his very early boyhood; and I can truly say, that I have never known any man on whose integrity and conscientiousness of conduct I have had more full reliance, than on his. In contemplating what must be the brevity of my stay in this valley of tears, it has been a gratification to me to expect that I should leave behind me a brother, whose past zeal and labours were a pledge that he would not cease to be efficient in extending our Church and in the preservation of her integrity. But a higher disposal has forbidden the accomplishment of my wishes; much, as I verily believe, to his gain, although greatly to our loss, and to that of the Church."

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF NEW-YORK.

At a meeting of several of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the diocese of New-York, assembled in

Trinity Church, in the city of New-York, on occasion of the funeral of their late lamented Diocesan, the Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., September 16th, 1830, the Rev. Dr. Lyell in the chair, and the Rev. Evan M. Johnson, secretary—the following preamble and resolutions were adopted :

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to remove from the Church on earth, the Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of New-York ; therefore be it unanimously resolved,

1. That while we fully recognize the duty of humble and uncomplaining submission to this deeply afflicting visitation of God's hand, we yet feel most sensibly, that it is a heavy stroke ; inflicting a deep wound on the cordial, filial affections of our hearts, and removing one of the most efficient means on which we had been wont to rely for the advancement of the best interests of religion and the Church.

2. That while in the extraordinary zeal, devotion, and labour, of our departed Father in God, we see cause of devout gratitude for the distinguished success of his episcopal career, we mournfully recognize therein, also, new and stronger reasons to lament for the bereavement which has been sustained by our diocese, by the Church at large, and by all, every where, who have at heart the glory of the Divine Saviour, and the best interests of his Holy Church.

3. That we will ever cherish the most respectful and affectionate remembrance of the many virtues which rendered our beloved Bishop to his Clergy one of the kindest and best of friends—of the ardent piety which distinguished him as one of the truest of Christians—of the superior learning and talents which elevated him to eminence in his profession—of the promptness and disinterestedness with which he was ever ready to stand first in the cause of the Church—and of the unwearied diligence with which he devoted himself to the duties of his episcopal office.

4. That we affectionately solicit, and would sincerely and faithfully reciprocate, an interest in all the prayers of our brethren of this diocese ; that all may be comforted in the sorrow with which it has pleased Almighty God to visit us, and

have, in the experience of his sanctifying grace, evidence that "it is good for us that we have been afflicted."

5. That we ask the fervent prayers of our Fathers in God, the Right Reverend brethren of our deceased Bishop—of our brethren in the ministry generally, and of all the members of our common Church—that our diocese may be under that particular supervision of God's good providence which its peculiar bereavement requires, and be guided and governed in all things to the promotion of "evangelical truth and apostolic order."

6. That our affectionate and cordial condolence be respectfully tendered to the widow and family of our deceased Bishop, with the assurance of our humble prayers, that they may richly experience the consolation and support of the gospel in their sore bereavement, and have it sanctified to their spiritual and eternal welfare.

7. That our cordial thanks be presented to our respected brother, the Rev. Dr. Rudd, of Auburn, and his family, who, in their hospitable mansion, ministered so kindly and faithfully to our beloved Bishop's comfort during his last illness—to such others of the clergy and laity in that village and neighbourhood as extended similar offices of Christian kindness and love—and to the attending physicians for their skilful, unwearied, and faithful efforts in his behalf.

8. That our thanks be also presented to the Rev. Francis H. Cuming, and Mr. Thomas Y. How, jr. for their kind services in accompanying the body of our dear departed Father from the place of his decease to this city.

9. That in the appalling fact, that in addition to our late Bishop, six of the clergy of this Diocese have died since our last convention, we recognize a powerful call on those of our number who are spared, to give themselves more earnestly and "continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word," lest the work of the Lord be impeded in its progress.

10. That in testimony of our profound respect for the memory of our deceased father, we will wear crape hat-bands, crape on the left arm, and crape scarfs in our official dress, until the next festival of Christmas; and that we affectionately

invite our brethren throughout the Diocese to unite in this expression of mourning for our bereavement.

11. That an attested copy of the proceedings of this meeting be sent to the widow and family of the deceased Diocesan, and to the Rev. Dr. Rudd, of Auburn, and be published in such a way as may be thought best by the chairman and secretary.

Signed by order of the meeting,

THOMAS LYELL, *Chairman*.

Attest: EVAN M. JOHNSON, *Secretary*.

CONGREGATION OF SHEARETH ISRAEL.

The Trustees of the Congregation of Sheareth Israel have learned, with deep regret, that Bishop HOBART is no more. The liberal principles and unaffected piety, of this estimable Prelate commended him to the esteem and respect of all denominations of religion, and the Trustees take an early occasion, in the name of the Congregation they represent, to condole with the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of the Corporation of Trinity Church, with his family and hearers, in the irreparable loss which they have sustained.

Done in New York, 28th Elul, 5590.

BERN'D HART, *Clerk*.

LAY-MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES OF THE PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, IN NEW-YORK.

At a meeting of gentlemen representing the different Religious Societies connected with the Protestant Episcopal Church, in New-York, viz: The Protestant Episcopal Society for the Promotion of Religion and Learning in the state of New-York, the Trustees of the New-York Protestant Episcopal Public School, the New-York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, the Auxiliary New-York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society, the New-York Protestant Episcopal Tract Society, the New-York Protestant Episcopal Missionary Society, the New-York Protestant Episcopal Sunday School

Society, The New-York Protestant Episcopal Press, and the Executive Committee of the General Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Union, convened at the office of the Protestant Episcopal Press, this morning, at 9 o'clock, in consequence of the melancholy intelligence of the decease of their venerated Diocesan, the Right Rev. Bishop HOBART—Benjamin M. Brown, Esq. was called to the chair, and Floyd Smith appointed Secretary. The object of the meeting having been briefly explained by the Chairman, it was unanimously

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of James M. Pendleton, M. D., Floyd Smith, Thomas C. Butler, Charles Keeler, and Cornelius Oakley, be, and they are appointed to make the necessary arrangements, in conjunction with the Reverend Clergy, and the Vestry of Trinity Church, for the reception and interment of the remains of their late beloved and deeply lamented Diocesan, the Right Rev. Bishop HOBART.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the evening papers.

BENJAMIN M. BROWN, *Chairman*.

FLOYD SMITH, *Secretary*.

At a meeting of the Lay-members of the same Societies, held at St. Paul's Chapel, in the city of New-York, on the evening of September 18th, 1830, for the purpose of expressing their sense of the loss they have sustained in the dispensation which has taken from them their beloved and deeply lamented Diocesan, the late Right Reverend JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., and their sacred remembrance of his virtues, Mr. James Swords was called to the chair, and Robert Gracie and Richard Oakley appointed Secretaries,

On motion of James M. Pendleton, M. D., seconded by J. Stearns, M. D., and Mr. Floyd Smith, the following resolutions were offered and unanimously accepted:

Resolved, That the afflicting dispensation of an all-wise yet most gracious Providence, which, in removing from this life our late revered Diocesan, has deprived his family of a most tender and affectionate husband and father—the Church over which he presided, of a pious, learned, active, diligent, and

most faithful guardian, guide, and overseer—the gospel, of one of its most able, sound, and eloquent advocates and expositors—literature and science, of one of their most distinguished ornaments and enlightened supporters—the community, of a most estimable citizen—our country, of a most sincere and devoted admirer of her civil institutions—the several societies here represented, of a most able, faithful, and successful expounder and defender of their principles—and ourselves, as their individual members, of the wise counsels, the parental guidance, and the affectionate converse of an unequalled friend—is an event which, while we bow in humble and sincere submission to the mandate of the Sovereign of the universe, who hath called from the scene of his usefulness our greatly beloved and most deeply deplored Diocesan, fills our hearts with emotions of the deepest sorrow; yet is our sorrow soothed and mitigated by the well founded hope and the reasonably certain assurance that he hath gone to receive the commendation, “Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into thy master’s joy;” and that, over us who are left, there is still extended, to support, to protect, to prosper, and to bless us, the same kind and most gracious hand which gave and hath taken him away.

Resolved, That we most affectionately and tenderly sympathize with his bereaved family, and most devoutly pray, that God, in his great goodness and mercy, will comfort and console them in this the hour of their deep affliction.

Resolved, That we most sincerely sympathize with his bereaved diocese, and do most earnestly supplicate the Divine Head of the Church, of which it is an humble but honoured portion, so to guide and govern the hearts of the members of the Ecclesiastical Council upon whom it may devolve to elect a successor, as to prevent division and dissension, and effectually secure that peace and order, and happy unity of opinion and action, which, while it has, by God’s blessing upon his faithful labours, so eminently characterized the episcopate of our deceased Diocesan, will be the best and most sacred evidence that his memory, and the principles he so ardently loved,

and so perseveringly inculcated, are duly and justly appreciated by those whom he has left behind him.

Resolved, That we hereby tender our most grateful acknowledgments to the Reverend Clergy, the Physicians, and other attendants, who with such unwearied assiduity and tenderness administered to the necessities of their and our sick and dying friend. May God return to them their kindness seven-fold, whenever it may please him to lay them upon the couch of sickness, sorrow, and death.

Resolved, That as a public mark of our constant and sincere recollection of the virtues and good offices of our deceased Diocesan, and President of the several Societies here represented, we will wear a crape band upon the hat and arm, in the usual mode, until the festival of Christmas.

Resolved, That an attested copy of the foregoing resolutions be conveyed to Mrs. Hobart and family, and the Rev. John O. Rudd, D. D., and for publication in the Auburn Gospel Messenger.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be signed by the Chairman and Secretaries, and published in the daily papers of this city, and in all the episcopal periodicals published in the United States.

JAMES SWORDS, *Chairman*.

ROBERT GRACIE, }
RICHARD OAKLEY, } *Secretaries*.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

At a meeting of the Trustees of Columbia College, convened in consequence of the death of Bishop HOBART, on Thursday, the 16th day of December, 1830—D. B. Ogden was appointed Chairman, and S. Boyd, Secretary, pro tem.

On motion, it was resolved,

1st, That the members of this Board have heard with great grief of the death of Bishop HOBART, their Senior Warden, and sincerely condole with his family and friends upon this melancholy event.

2d, That this Board feel sensibly the loss of Bishop

HOBART, as one of its most useful members. In the discharge of his duties to this College he was indefatigable, and devoted to its service all that zeal and untiring industry, and those great talents which he so eminently possessed. This Board will long cherish the recollection of his exertions for the promotion of the cause of learning and science generally, and especially in this Institution.

3d, That as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the members of this Board will attend his funeral, and wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

4th, That a certified copy of the above resolutions be published, and a copy sent to the relict and family of the deceased.

D. B. OGDEN, *Chairman, pro tem*
S. BOYD, *Secretary, pro tem*.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

At a special meeting of the New-York Historical Society, held at the Society's Rooms, on Wednesday, the 15th inst., at 5 o'clock, P. M., Chancellor Kent in the Chair—Intelligence having been received of the death of JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., Bishop of the diocese of New-York, and a member of the Society—on motion of the Rev. Dr. Matthews, seconded by Dr. J. W. Francis—

Resolved, That this Society deplores, with much sensibility, the loss which the community at large has sustained in the death of this distinguished Prelate, and sympathizes with his afflicted family, among whom his worth as a husband and a father was most exemplary and conspicuous—and with the Church, over which he presided, and to which he had devoted a life of the most unwearied industry and zeal.

Resolved, That the members of this Society will unite in the funeral obsequies of their late deceased member.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published, and a copy of the same be respectfully communicated to the afflicted family of the deceased.

JAMES KENT, *President*.

JOHN DELAFIELD, *Secretary, pro tem*.

**PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CLERGY IN THE
DIOCESE OF CONNECTICUT.**

Hartford, September 18th, 1830.

At a meeting of the Bishop and several of the clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of Connecticut, held in the Library of Washington College,

The Rt. Rev. Dr. Brownell took the chair, and the Rev. Professor Humphreys was requested to act as Secretary, when the following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

Whereas we have heard, with the deepest sorrow, of the afflictive dispensation of Divine Providence, by which our sister diocese of New-York has been deprived of her able, fearless, and devoted Diocesan, and the Church at large of one of her most distinguished and venerated fathers ; therefore,

Resolved, That we sincerely condole with our brethren, the clergy and laity of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the diocese of New-York, with the churches with which Bishop HOBART was more immediately connected as a Rector, and particularly with his afflicted family, in the melancholy bereavement which they have been called to sustain.

And as during the vacancy of the episcopate in Connecticut this diocese was deeply indebted to the disinterested, energetic, and successful superintendence of the excellent prelate whom we lament, as a tribute of respect to his memory, we will wear crape on the left arm for thirty days.

And we do most devoutly pray that the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls will mercifully visit with his grace and heavenly benediction the bereaved portion of his flock, bestowing upon them the spirit of wisdom and ghostly counsel, and directing them to a successor apt and meet duly to execute the office and work of a Bishop, to the edifying of the Church, and the glory of God's holy name.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the widow of Bishop HOBART, and to the Secretary of the Convention of the diocese of New-York, and that they be published in the Episcopal Watchman.

T. C. BROWNELL, *Chairman.*

HECTOR HUMPHREYS, *Secretary.*

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

At a meeting of the Bishops and clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the diocese of Pennsylvania, residing in the city of Philadelphia, convened at the house of the Rt. Rev. Bishop White, to express their feelings in relation to the lamented death of the Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., late Bishop of the diocese of New-York :

Present—The Rt. Rev. Bishops White and Onderdonk; the Rev. Drs. Hutchins, Abercrombie, Wilson, Kemper, Montgomery, and De Lancey; and the Rev. Messrs. Allen, Bedell, Boyd, Bryant, Connelly, Cooper, Douglass, Dupuy, Jaquett, Mead, Rutledge, Smith, Van Pelt, and Wiltbank.*

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted :

1st. *Resolved*, That we sincerely deplore the loss which, in the death of the Rt. Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., has been sustained by the Church in this country, and particularly by the extensive and important diocese over which he has so long and efficiently presided.

2d. *Resolved*, That his eminent and successful services to the Church; the piety, zeal, devotedness, and energy with which he discharged the duties of his responsible office; the steadfastness, intrepidity, conscientiousness, and talent with which he vindicated whatever he believed to be essential to the integrity of primitive truth and order; and the distinguished excellence of his character as a man, entitled him to our highest respect while living, and will endear his memory now that he has been called, as we humbly trust, to his reward.

3d. *Resolved*, That while in common with the whole Church we sincerely sympathize with the clergy and with the members of his diocese under their trying and severe bereavement, and assure them of our prayers in their behalf—that God may lift upon them the light of his countenance; comfort them with the consolations of his HOLY SPIRIT; sanctify to them and

* The above list includes all the clergy of the Church residing in Philadelphia, except Dr. Blackwell, confined by indisposition, and the Rev. Mr. Tyng, absent from the city.

to his Church the infliction of his righteous and merciful hand ; keep them from all error, confusion, and discord, and in his own good time supply them with a shepherd worthy to succeed the illustrious deceased, and qualified to be their spiritual head and father. We perceive a special call upon us of condolence and of sympathetic interest in the circumstance that the deceased was born and reared in this city ; prepared for the duties of his ministry under the auspices of his sincerely attached friend, our own venerated Diocesan, who has known and loved him from his boyhood ; and that there are many in our community connected with him by the ties of kindred and of friendship.

4th. *Resolved*, That we unfeignedly and deeply condole with his bereaved family, and pray that God may have them in his holy keeping ; support and comfort them in this their hour of distress, and make it conducive to their spiritual and everlasting good.

5th. *Resolved*, That in testimony of our respect to the memory of the deceased, we will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

6th. *Resolved*, That in the repeated afflictions of the Church in the removal by death within a short time of several of its distinguished Bishops, and of many of its valuable and devoted ministers, we recognize a cause of deep humiliation and of increased diligence and zeal in the discharge of our high duties ; and devoutly pray that it may be blessed to the good of the Church and to the greater fidelity and devotedness of those who minister in its sanctuary.

7th. *Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions, signed by the chairman and attested by the secretary be sent respectively to the widow of the deceased, to the standing committee of the diocese of New-York, and to the secretary of the Convention of the same.

8th. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of the meeting be published in the religious periodicals of the Church, and in the daily papers of this city. Signed at the desire of the brethren now assembled.

WM. WHITE, *Chairman*.

Attest : JACKSON KEMPER, *Secretary*.

Philadelphia, September 21, 1830.

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CLERGY OF BALTIMORE.

At a meeting of the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, residing in Baltimore, held at the Parsonage of St. Paul's Church, on the 17th September, 1830, the Rev. Dr. Wyatt was appointed Chairman, and the Rev. Dr. Henshaw, Secretary. The afflicting intelligence of the decease of the Right Rev. Bishop HOBART, of the diocese of New-York, having been communicated to the meeting by the Chairman, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved, That the Clergy of the Protestant Episcopal Church, residing in Baltimore, Md. have heard with the deepest sensibility, of the removal by death, of the Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., Bishop of the diocese of New-York, from a field of usefulness irradiated by his virtues and labours : and that they esteem the event as a calamity to be deeply deplored by the Church in the United States.

Resolved, That they entertain a grateful and respectful sense of his eminent talents, his fervent piety, his devotion to the cause of the Church, and his untiring and conscientious zeal to promote her interest.

Resolved, That this body respectfully present to the family of the deceased Right Rev. Prelate, to the Vestry of Trinity Church, New York, of which he was Rector, and to the Convention of the diocese over which he presided, the assurance of their affectionate condolence ; and that they humbly pray the Great Head of the Church so to overrule the mysterious and afflictive dispensation that it may "yield the peaceful fruit of righteousness to them that are exercised thereby."

Resolved, That the members of this body will wear badges of mourning, crape scarfs and bands, customary with the Clergy, for thirty days.

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the eldest son—to the Vestry of Trinity Church, and to the Secretary of the Convention of the diocese of the deceased Bishop, and that they be also inserted in the public papers.

ST. PAUL'S PARISH, BALTIMORE.

At a meeting of the Vestry of St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore, held in the Vestry room, Sept. 17th, 1830:—

Resolved, That the Vestry of St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore, deeply lament the bereavement which the Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States, and in the diocese of New-York, particularly, have sustained in the death of the Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D. His ardent piety and eminent talents, his zeal in the cause of the Church, and his manly and masterly defence of her principles, his learned writings, his eloquent discourses, his consistent and unwearied devotion to the best interests of Christianity, entitle him to the gratitude and respect of the Church, in whose service he has so long and successfully laboured.

Resolved, That the Reading Desk, Pulpit, and Communion Table of St. Paul's Church be shrouded in crape during 30 days, as a manifestation of the esteem in which the parish held this distinguished and venerated Prelate.

Resolved, That the Rector be requested to forward copies of the above to the family of Bishop HOBART, to the Vestry of Trinity Church, of which he was Rector, and to the Secretary of the Convention of the diocese of the deceased Bishop.

W. E. WYATT, *Rector*.

HENRY HALL, *Reg.*

EDITORIAL AND OTHER NOTICES, FROM NEWSPAPERS AND OTHER PERIODICALS.

From the (Auburn) Gospel Messenger, Extra, of Sept. 13, 1830.

THIS Right Reverend Prelate, (Dr. HOBART,) and pious servant of God, expired at the parsonage house of St. Peter's Church in this village, the residence of his friend, the writer of this article, at 4 o'clock on Sunday morning, Sept. 12, 1830, being, it is believed, about 56 years of age.

The following article is not designed to draw the character of this distinguished ornament and defender of the Christian cause; in it there will be no attempt made to delineate the features of that noble and energetic mind, nor will it be employed in ordinary obituary reflections.

The writer is under the impression, that the public, especially that portion of it which is attached to the Episcopal Church, will be impatient to have before them the particulars of the last days of this extensively known, and ardently beloved individual. Under the pressure of no common emotions, he deems it his duty to employ the first moments he has, after having finished his attentions to the body of the friend of nearly thirty years, in giving the afflicted members of the Church, and the weeping relatives and personal friends of the deceased such particulars as cannot well be expected from another, and which a sense of painful responsibility impels him not to delay. Should the task be found imperfectly performed, let my apology be read in that oppressive weight of feeling which cannot be removed till time has reconciled me to the prevailing stillness and gloom of a dwelling visited by death, to the absence of assiduous Physicians, the retiring of anxious attendants and inquiring friends.

Bishop HOBART arrived at my house on the evening of Wednesday, the 1st inst., in ordinary health, with the exception of a slight cold, which he said made him a little chilly. He rested well that night, and complained of nothing unusual the following morning. He preached that morning in St. Peter's Church, and administered Confirmation to nine persons. His sermon, alas! *his last sermon*—was uttered in his usually impressive manner, and listened to by a full congregation with a profound stillness and attention. The text was Job xxviii. 28—THE FEAR OF THE LORD, THAT IS WISDOM.

On returning to the Parsonage House he complained of coldness, and of oppression at the stomach, from which his friends have known him to suffer very severely for more than twenty years. He ate little at dinner, and shortly after retired to his room, where he slept some time. At tea he ate nothing, and soon after returned to his room, where he bathed his feet in

warm water, and went to bed. On entering his room as he was dressing himself, to hand him some letters, I found he complained still more of being unwell. He was urged to abandon the idea of meeting his appointments for the two next days, and take some active medicine. To this measure he expressed great reluctance, though it was repeatedly pressed upon him by different members of the family. The Rev. Mr. Hollister of Skaneateles called about 12 o'clock, noon, with a conveyance to take the Bishop to Pompey, where there was a church to be consecrated the following day. About half an hour before this Dr. Morgan, of this village, called to pay his respects. On discovering the Bishop's evident tendency to indisposition, he seconded the remonstrance of the writer, against proceeding on his tour of duty. The Bishop yielded to his advice, and the doctor went to his office to prepare some medicine, which he kindly offered to administer himself, and proposed to remain till the operation was over. This he did.

It may be interesting to some, to be informed of a coincidence which will be here stated. On the 9th September, 1826, the writer having been but a few weeks a resident of this place, Bishop HOBART held confirmation in the church here. Towards evening of that day he was taken suddenly ill while alone in his room; a young man who has attended him in his last illness being in an adjoining apartment, heard him fall; the writer was alarmed and ran to his assistance, and found him lying on his face, faint and somewhat convulsed. Orders were instantly given to call a physician, and Dr. Morgan, then an entire stranger to all concerned, was providentially found in the street and in a few minutes was with the Bishop. By a timely prescription and careful attention the threatened illness passed over, and the next day found our prelate consecrating a church at Moravia, nearly twenty miles from this place. Whenever the Bishop has subsequently made any stay in this village the doctor has called upon him. The Bishop was from the first much pleased with this gentleman, and, as will be seen, grew fond of him, and placed the utmost confidence in him to the last. We now return to the narrative.

The medicine given as above stated took a happy effect, and the prospect was, that after a few hours of repose and some further medicine the Bishop would be relieved. He rested well for the greater part of the night of Friday, the 3d; and though during most of the following day, Saturday, the 4th, he suffered considerably, he found himself much better and more comfortable on Sunday, the 5th, and it was supposed that he would be soon wholly relieved. It was evident, however, that under the most favourable circumstances, he could not in safety attend to his appointments for the two following weeks. During the middle of the day, a letter dictated by himself was addressed to his son Dr. William H. Hobart in the city of New York, expressing the opinion of the Bishop himself, that he was convalescent; but as he concluded that he should not have sufficient strength to perform the duties of his visitation appointments, it would be advisable for him to return home as soon as he should be able to travel, and he wished his son to come on for the purpose of attending him on the way.

On Monday the 6th, the editor of the Gospel Messenger suggested to the Bishop the propriety of issuing, in the form of an extra, the notice which has been seen generally by the readers of this paper. In that Extra, which was read to the Bishop, he requested the alteration of the original expression of the writer, and substituted for it, "his disease is now yielding to judicious treatment." On Tuesday, the 7th, the symptoms were more unfavourable, but there was nothing by any means alarming either to the physician or himself. During Wednesday, the 8th, the Bishop's disorder assumed a severer character, but he was evidently much more comfortable through a large portion of Thursday, the 9th; but on Friday, the 10th, the symptoms became seriously alarming, and towards the evening of that day assumed a fatal aspect. About nine the Bishop's son arrived. His introduction into the room of his venerated Father produced emotions better imagined than described, and which will not be soon forgotten by those present.—The Bishop was in full possession of his powers of mind and voice. The inquiries he made after his

family, the pious counsels he addressed to his child, the fervour of his religious feelings, the ardour of his affectionate language produced, for a time, a most thrilling and overwhelming effect.

Painfully interesting as this interview was, it was truly gratifying to those who had hitherto surrounded the Bishop's bed, that Dr. Hobart could hear from his father's mouth not only his last admonitions and affectionate entreaties to make the Saviour of his soul the supreme object of his love, but that he might have from it an assurance that the father had the fullest confidence in what his physicians had done for him. This sentiment was very frequently expressed during the whole of his sickness. Though he had the advantage of the counsel of several of the most distinguished and able medical gentlemen from other villages, and though he was very much gratified by their visits, and still more by their untiring attention, he never failed to assure both them and his attending physician, that he had the most entire confidence in the latter. To him he often addressed the most grateful, pious, and tender remarks. Again and again he would say, "My dear doctor, give me your hand, it soothes me; you have been very kind and faithful to me, you have been most judicious in your treatment of me, you will not lose your reward; for whether I live or die you have done your duty. God will bless you, my Saviour will bless you." To his other attendants he was continually addressing the most warm acknowledgments, imploring upon them the richest blessings. On receiving the slightest refreshment or relief, his first expression was, "God be praised," and then he would tenderly and repeatedly thank the immediate agent. Time will not permit any thing like a narrative of his conversations and remarks to those in his room. Throughout his sickness none were admitted who were not necessary to his comfort.

Though Bishop Hobart did not consider himself alarmingly ill, till the latter part of his sickness, still he frequently observed, even in the earlier part of it, that it was the *third* attack of the kind, and one such, he had no doubt, "would some day be his end. Perhaps," said he, "this may be that

one—if so, God's will be done—O pray for me that I may not only *say* this, but *feel* it—*feel* it as a sinner—for, bear me witness, I have no merit of my own; as a guilty sinner would I go to my Saviour, casting all my reliance on him—the atonement of his blood. He is my only dependance—my Redeemer, my Sanctifier, my God, my Judge.” Such was the tenor of much of his conversation, and it is most earnestly wished that the writer had the ability as well as time to record in the glowing language of the departed prelate, the evidence he gave of deep humility, of lively faith, of animating hope of the joys of Heaven.

On Sunday, the 5th, he requested the writer to perform in his room the office of visitation of the sick, in which, with his Prayer Book lying on his bed before him, he joined with that delightful fervour for which his manner has been so often admired. Frequently, through the day and the night, he would request either the writer, or the Rev. Brother who was with him all the time from Tuesday P. M. till he died, to use some short prayer. This practice was continued till he became too much exhausted to be benefitted by it. He often asked for some portion of Bishop Andrews' Litany to be read. In his own repetition of them there was a thrilling effect upon those present.

On Saturday morning the indications were so wholly discouraging that his physicians advised that he should be informed that they considered him in a very dangerous situation; though the Bishop had evidently regarded his case as very doubtful, he might not be aware that his time was so near out as it has proved to have been.

The painful office of making the communication fell upon the writer, and it was suggested that if he had any thing to do or say there should be no delay, and allusion was made to his wishes as to the Lord's Supper. “Oh yes,” said he, “the Sacrament, the Sacrament, that is the last thing; that is all, let me have it.” There was a firmness and composure in his manner as he uttered the words “well, God's will be done,” which moved every heart, and confirmed all present in the conviction that the pious affection of this venerated

and beloved Bishop could not be shaken by the approaches of death.

The Sacrament was soon administered by the writer; and long will that solemn scene be remembered by all who beheld the transaction, as one of the most tender and moving character. When the person officiating came, in the confession, to the words, "by thought, word, and deed," the Bishop stopped him, and said, "you know the Church expects us to pause over those words—pause now, repeating one of the words at a time, till I request you to go on." This was done—and the pauses in each case were so long, that a fear passed over our minds that he had lost his recollection or fallen asleep. This, however, proved not to be so, he repeated each word, and after the third pause, added, "proceed, I will interrupt you no more." At the proper place he requested to hear read the 93d Hymn, as soon as the reading was ended he sung clearly the 2d and 3d verses.

From this time, which was about 9 o'clock in the morning, there was no very important change. During the night he said very little, and for about four hours before he expired, was nearly if not quite insensible to what was passing around. He sunk into the arms of death without a struggle, and his face soon assumed that engaging expression which has in life so often delighted those who loved him.

The most expeditious preparations were made for his removal to the city for interment. A very respectable body of the inhabitants of the village assembled at the parsonage house, where, after a few remarks by the writer, he performed that service in the Clergyman's Companion prepared by the Bishop himself for similar occasions. The body being placed in a hearse, (Sunday, 3 o'clock, P. M.) a procession was formed, the writer and some members of his family, with the Wardens and the Vestrymen of St. Peter's Church, with some other members of the congregation, following the corpse in carriages; (Dt. Hobart having previously taken his departure.) The bell of St. Peter's Church was tolled till the procession reached the edge of the village, when the people on foot and some others returned, and several car-

riages proceeded with the body to Weedsport, eight miles, where a canal boat was in readiness—and it was committed to the care of the Reverend F. H. Cuming, who, it should be stated, had been the constant attendant of the Bishop, night and day, from Tuesday afternoon.

The qualification of this gentleman for a nurse, and his untiring assiduity, made him a most important aid to the writer and his family during those trying days. He was so acceptable to the Bishop that he was unwilling to have him a moment from his room, except now and then he would command him to go and get some rest.

The foregoing has been written to meet the supposed expectation of the distant public and the Bishop's more immediate friends that the writer would make them acquainted with the most prominent facts and incidents in the last days of that eminent man whose death fills the Church with mourning.

JOHN C. RUDD.

From the New-York Courier and Enquirer, of Sept. 16.

THE DEATH OF BISHOP HOBART has cast a gloom upon a large and extensive circle in this state. Cut off in the midst of usefulness—in the height of his reputation—in the very mid-day of his labours, few men have left behind so high a character for intelligence, piety, and pure religion. He was the very model of the Christian, blending with the dignity of the patriot the learning of the scholar, and that amenity of manners which characterizes the finished man. Through the whole course of his life he has been conspicuous for the most unsullied virtues and highest order of talents.

We were preparing a brief summary of his useful and eventful life, but found our materials deficient, and at a late hour last evening called upon a friend who was intimately acquainted with his virtues, for assistance. He cheerfully complied, and immediately furnished us with the following hasty, but eloquent sketch. Many of our readers will recognise in it the language of one who is highly appreciated by his fellow-citizens.

RT. REV. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D.

The name of this distinguished prelate is now consecrated by the hand which has removed him from our sight. He rests from his labours. We see his crosier broken; we see his mitre fallen from his brow. After a short illness he has suddenly disappeared, from the midst of a wide field of influence and usefulness, which it is the lot of very few to occupy. He was a burning and a shining light. And while we are arrested by the solemn thought—*He is no more*, we may appropriately take a retrospective glance at the history of his eventful life.

He was born in the city of Philadelphia, in the year 1775. From his earliest youth he was distinguished for great activity of mind and great energy of character; so that, when a lad, he particularly arrested the attention of the Rt. Rev. Dr. WHITE, Bishop of Pennsylvania, now at the advanced age of four-score years, and presiding Bishop of the American Episcopal Church. Young HOBART then awakened, in the mind and heart of that Right Reverend worthy, a strong feeling of admiration and attachment, which was cherished and perpetuated for the long term of fifty years. And the precocity of his early youth by no means disappointed the anticipations of his most ardent friends. His literary and scientific studies were pursued at Princeton College; in his eighteenth year (A. D. 1793) he received there the highest honours of his class; and in the same venerable seat of science he then occupied the place of tutor. When twenty-four years of age, (A. D. 1799,) he was admitted to holy orders in the Protestant Episcopal Church; and by a long and consistent attachment to its forms and creed, he evinced that he was among the Church's most devoted sons. With a prompt memory and ready pen, he was ever prepared to "*prove all things*," and with a glowing fervour, he thought it right to "*hold fast that which is good*."

Dr. HOBART was pre-eminently a *ready* man. With him, thought was almost intuition. Both in his private intercourse, and in the performance of his public functions, he evinced the greatest promptness at all times. There are not a few of the most happy efforts of his mind, that are the results of unex-

pected calls on his resources, and the glowing efforts of no more than a few hours.

The first congregation of which he had the pastoral charge, was that at Hempstead, Long Island. But in the year 1809 he was called to occupy the place of an *Assistant Minister of Trinity Church*, in this city. His friends at that period will remember his successful efforts, as an eloquent divine and able preacher. His rare talents, in the prominent situation which he occupied, were soon known and valued. He was chosen, in the year 1811, Assistant Bishop of the diocese of New-York, to succeed the Right Rev. Dr. Moore on his demise ; and in Trinity Church, in this city, he was consecrated to the episcopal office by the Right Rev. Dr. WHITE—Bishop Provoost of New-York, and Bishop Jarvis, of Connecticut, being present and assisting. For more than nineteen years, he occupied the chair of the episcopate in this extensive diocese. Through good report and through evil report, he maintained a course of policy which he thought most conformable to Scripture and ancient usage. And the success of his indefatigable labours testify, that he did not toil in vain. It will be the pleasing task of his biographer, to portray his varied and effective labours in the Church.

In all his views he was devoted to the form of ecclesiastical government, which he sincerely believed to be the most venerable and truly apostolic. It was the deep conviction of his own mind, and the undeviating tenor of his exhortations to his clergy.

Antiquam exquirite matrem.

Bishop HOBART was an American in all his feelings. In the year 1823, for the benefit of his declining health, he visited Europe. But in the palaces of European prelates he learned to be attached, more than ever, to the institutions of his native land. Abroad, he saw the dignitaries of the Church, not unfrequently, sustained by the mere pomp and circumstance of office ; but he rejoiced that our maces, and escutcheons, and titles of honour, are the esteem and attachment of an independent and enlightened people.

In his peculiar station, and for the time in which he acted, he was endowed with qualifications to be eminently useful. He was raised up by God, to accomplish what could not have been accomplished by any but a mind and frame like his. He never tired; he knew not fear. In the conflicts which dismay less vigorous minds, he rose aloft upon the troubled billows. Where others would despond, he triumphed. And by a rare knowledge of men as they are, he swayed at will the hearts of thousands.

With his usual zeal and deep interest in the promotion of his good work, he projected an extensive plan of visitation to the remote parts of his diocese; but he had scarcely entered on the labour of its execution, when a bilious fever arrested him in his career. He lay upon his bed of sickness at Auburn for ten days, until the morning of Sunday, September 12th. An account of his emotions, at his last trying hour, yet remains to be disclosed, by those who were near to him at that solemn crisis. But whatever it may be, there is a pleasing pensiveness in the thought, that he was released from pain at that hallowed season which is the appropriate emblem of the rest which remaineth for the people of the Lord. At the age of fifty-five years, he died on the field of duty.—And when the turmoil of selfish interests shall have been stilled, posterity will pronounce, impartially, upon his character, and place his name among those of the illustrious dead!

The remains of our universally beloved fellow-citizen, will probably arrive in town at an early hour this morning, by the steam-boat, which left Albany yesterday afternoon. It was supposed that they would have arrived last evening, and a large number of Clergy and laity went in procession to the steam-boat for the purpose of accompanying them to his late residence. We have no doubt but a similar procession will be formed this morning.

The Clergy met at the residence of Dr. LYELL in the evening, but in order to give more of their number an opportunity of uniting with them in expressing their opinions on this melancholy occasion, adjourned to meet again after the funeral rites shall have been performed. Should the remains arrive

this morning, these rites will be performed in St. John's Chapel, after which the procession will move to Trinity Church, and the body be deposited beneath the chancel of that venerable edifice, in which his voice was so often heard pointing out the road to that mansion in the Heavens, to which we doubt not his pure spirit has already taken its flight.

From the New-York Mirror.

RIGHT REV. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D.

Pro ecclesia Dei.—Hooker's last words.*

As if in the illusion of a dream, we find that this illustrious prelate has suddenly disappeared. His absence sheds a general gloom over the city. Thousands lament that the cherished light of their holy altar is unexpectedly extinguished. As with deep reverence we turn toward the high priest, we are called to mourn that he is moved from the ministration of the Lord's sanctuary. He has been withdrawn from earth; and now only can we discover, how faithfully he kept alive the hallowed flame, and how emphatically he was a great man in Israel.

His first dawning boyhood promised a bright day; and this promise was most splendidly realized. Born in the city of Philadelphia, on the fourteenth day of September, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-five, he spent there the interesting period of his youth. In him were happily associated, even in his early life, those intellectual and moral traits of character which are the germs of all true greatness. He had a mind that never wearied; he had a nerve that never was relaxed.

His rare qualities attracted the attention and conciliated the esteem and love of many, who were his superiors in age. When he was yet a lad, great things were predicted of him. His intellectual and moral standing, both at school and in college, won the greatest meed of commendation for his talents, his deportment, and his untiring industry. At Princeton, when in his nineteenth year, he graduated with great reputation. He received the first honours of his class. He was

* For the Church of God.

then elected tutor, and was thus led to linger, for a time, on the same classic ground. But he had resolved to make a dedication of his soul and body to the sacred functions of the ministry of JESUS. He soon left his literary toils to enter on this hallowed work. While in his college course he had very often been induced by his young friends to make a declaration of his religious views. And so ardently did he espouse, even at that early period, before his nineteenth year, the cause of primitive episcopacy, that his fellow-students frequently alledged he would *one day be a bishop*. He was, at the very heart, a Protestant Episcopalian. He approached the altar with a firm step, when in his five and twentieth year, he was ordained; and so zealous, so laborious, so undeviating was his devotion to the distinguishing principles of episcopacy, that in the American Church he became, at last, the very chief of the apostles.

As a preacher, he was devout, earnest, and solemn. His enunciation was peculiarly dignified; and his expositions, his expostulations, his entreaties, and his appeals were framed after the best models of those great men, who have declared, in our own tongue, the wonderful works of God. He had a peculiar delight in the works of Hooker, Barrow, Hall, Horsley, Waterland, and kindred spirits. He breathed much of their devotion in the exercises of the pulpit; and, in his polemical controversies, from the same quiver which supplied them with shafts he drew his powerful weapons. "Evangelical piety and apostolic order," was his motto.

The first field of his ministerial efforts was the church at Hempstead, Long-Island. Both there, and when first called to be an assistant minister of Trinity Church, in this city, his sermons were committed to memory with great care. His increasing duties and engagements soon rendered it impracticable for him to pursue this course, and he abandoned it. But by the change, he lost little of his power to arrest and to engage his hearers. It often happens that an intellect, by no means transcendent, may light up, by the fires of youth, a fitful, evanescent popularity. But to maintain a splendid reputation in the pulpit, for a long term of time, demands the effort

of no ordinary genius. Dr. HOBART was a popular preacher in our city for the space of nine and twenty years. He was not a blazing meteor, but a burning and a shining light, that continually increased in splendour. His last efforts were among the very best that he produced.

His numerous unexpected calls to write, would often not admit of careful and deliberate composition. But he was ever prompt, on the most sudden and extreme emergencies. His pen was always ready; and it was always able.

When the infirmities of the late Bishop Moore, of New-York, required that an assistant bishop should be elected in the diocese, Dr. HOBART was the choice of the convention; and, in the year eighteen hundred and eleven, he was duly consecrated. He forthwith entered on the duties of his high office, with a distinguished earnestness and energy. The diocese numbered in its convention at that time *less than thirty* clergymen; and in the whole region west of Utica, there was but a *single* missionary crying in the wilderness. At the last convention, (A. D. 1829,) the number of the clergy had increased to a *hundred and thirty-four*; and in the western counties there were *more than thirty* missionary heralds, lifting up their voices in the name of CHRIST and of his Church. For nineteen years the heart that has now ceased to palpitate was glowing with a warm interest, in that holy cause which it espoused as the great cause of the divine Redeemer. Among the prelates that adorn the Church in our land, the late mitred worthy was

"The greatest champion of the cause."

Over the largest of the American dioceses, he has left memorials of his episcopate, which will never be forgotten. He was a valiant, spiritual veteran. "The Church," said he in one of his most popular discourses now in print, "the Church, in her faith, her ministry, her order, her worship, in all her great distinctive principles—maintain her at all hazards. For amidst the agitations and tumults of error and enthusiasm, she is the asylum of the great and good; amidst the conflicts of heresy and schism, she is the safeguard of the truth as it is

in Jesus—of all that he and his apostles ordained—to advance the salvation of a lost world.”

With an untiring hand, for almost twenty years, he bore the ark of God into the remotest corners of his vast diocese, an extent of forty-six thousand square miles. And wherever the ark rested, there was a blessing from the Lord. But his intense efforts could not be longer borne, his frame sunk under his extreme exhaustion; and it might be truly said, he lived and died for the Church of God—in the last words of the immortal Hooker, “*pro ecclesia Dei.*”

In his private intercourse he combined many of the most admirable qualities. He was embarrassed in no circle where he appeared. He was polite, conciliating, affable; with a retentive memory and lively mind, he could at once identify, in social interviews, the countenances of all those whom he had ever seen. Abroad, he was a cheerful guest; at home, he entertained with an unbounded hospitality. The rich and poor have lost in him a noble, generous friend.

The wide influence, which he secured by his great talents and attainments, seemed like a magic charm. His voice was the prompt voice of thousands; and for this they had high sanction. “I have known,” says the venerable bishop WHITE, of Pennsylvania, in a letter to a friend, just published in a daily paper of this city, “and have had occasion to remark, the character of my now deceased friend, from his very early boyhood; and can truly say, that I have never known any man on whose integrity and conscientiousness of conduct I have had more full reliance than on his.”

When such a man, such a prelate, has moved before the public eye, engaged their understandings, warmed their hearts for thirty years—his sudden exit from the world must cause a deep sensation in all ranks. And it was so. In the full possession of his faculties, in the fifty-fifth year of his age, the dying prelate, amid the most hallowed and triumphant sentiments of our faith, was called to resign his soul into the hands of his Redeemer. He was at Auburn, on his annual tour of duty; but a bilious fever there arrested him in his career. For ten days he lay upon his bed of sickness; and with two

of his devoted clergy and one of his affectionate sons at his bedside, he departed at the early dawn of the sweet day of rest!

Soon, the melancholy tidings reached the city. Like an electric flash, it instantaneously arrested all. All felt the shock; and by its suddenness and its severity they were bewildered, they were palsied. The remains were brought to the metropolis. Amid the most general, solemn, touching sympathies, they were conveyed to the ancient church of Trinity parish, and with impressive funeral rites they were there reposed beneath the holy sacramental altar. All the churches in the city are now veiled in solemn weeds; all the clergy and vestrymen, the religious and benevolent societies, and a great number of the leading members of our community, attest their sorrow by some funeral badge. The diocese cannot repress her grief; her sister dioceses sigh responsive. The beacon is extinguished; there is an awful gloom!

It will be the work of his biographer to give the full testimony of this great apostle with so bright a name—to tell of his distinguishing characteristics, and his writing, and his extensive influence, and his triumphant death. But when this towering son of our soil, that so lately stood among us, has been just felled; and standing by the newly prostrate trunk, as we now view its branching honours, and contemplate its rich foliage and its precious fruits, that were for the healing of the nations, as they lie scattered in profusion at our feet; we are irresistibly impelled, to gather at least a small *memento* of what so late stood in majesty and pointed to the skies.

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From the New-York Evening Post of Sept. 15.

DEATH OF BISHOP HOBART.—Yesterday we stated that nearly all expectation of Bishop HOBART's recovery had been given up, but we did not so soon expect to receive the melancholy intelligence of his decease. The news was brought to the city by last evening's steamboat. He expired at Auburn, on Sunday morning last, Sept. 12th, in the 55th year of his age.

The death of Bishop HOBART has left in the Church to which he belonged a void which will not soon be filled. He was settled in this city as a minister of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the year 1801. In the year 1811, he was consecrated as a Bishop in the diocese of New-York, and for the space of nineteen years exercised the duties of his distinguished station in a manner to which all denominations gave the praise of fidelity, zeal, and ability. Few prelates ever possessed in so remarkable a degree the love and esteem of those over whom they were placed. In private life his manners were amiable and engaging, at the same time that they were marked with great openness and frankness.

The cause of his death was a bilious attack. He had left New-York on the 5th of August, on his visitations to the churches in the western part of his diocese. While at Auburn he was seized with the disorder which finally terminated his life. At the house of the Rev. J. C. Rudd, in that village, he received every attention which kindness and affection could procure or skill bestow. On the 6th instant he had partially recovered, and was pronounced to be out of danger. On the 9th a relapse took place, and although the best medical aid was procured, he continued sinking until the morning of the 12th, when he expired. His son, Dr. Wm. Hobart, had arrived to witness his last moments, and he earnestly desired to see his wife before he died, but his wish was not granted. She had arrived at Albany, on her way to Auburn, when she received the afflicting news of his death.

From the (New-York) Commercial Advertiser of Sept. 15.

DEATH OF BISHOP HOBART.—We have the painful duty of announcing the death of the Right Reverend JOHN HENRY HOBART, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of this State. He died on the last Sunday morning, at Auburn, which place he was visiting in the tour of his diocese. He was in the 55th year of his age, and for more than eighteen years had discharged, with honour and fidelity, the important duties of the Episcopal office. In

1825, he visited Europe for the restoration of his shattered health; he returned to prosecute his labours with his wonted assiduity, and is now suddenly taken, in the maturity of his energies, from the scene of earthly toil to the heavenly reward of a faithful servant. With him the dignity of his station was no sinecure. Unwearied in his activity, and unwavering in his principles, he gave his life and soul to the promotion of the interests of the Church over which he presided. To her he dedicated the native strength of his mind, the treasures of his learning, and the power of his eloquence. She has lost a persevering friend and advocate, as well as an honoured prelate. In the loss of Bishop HOBART society has much to lament. The light that was set in the golden candlestick of the Church, diffused its enlivening beams over the circle of an extensive acquaintance. Others may succeed to his ministry, and emulate the zeal of this distinguished divine at the altar of religion, but friendship must still weep over the ardour and the benevolence which death has extinguished.

From the New-York Daily Advertiser of the 15th.

The Protestant Episcopal Church, in the diocese of New-York, have met with a severe loss in the death of Bishop HOBART, the account of which reached this city last evening. Indeed, it is difficult to see how it will be supplied. The energy of character which he has displayed since his elevation to the highest office in that Church, has rarely been equalled; and his exertions in promoting its interests have been unexampled.

From the N. Y. Standard of Sept. 15.

We learnt by last evening's steamboat from Albany, with deep and solemn emotions, that the Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of this diocese, died at Auburn, Cayuga county, on Sunday last. We have not received particulars, and if they were at hand, words would fail us to express our sense of the heavy bereavement to the

church over which he has long presided, with eminent piety, unceasing watchfulness and indefatigable industry, in the discharge of his varied, extensive, and arduous duties ; or of the vacuum such a man leaves in the social circle, in the family group, and, indeed, in the entire moral sphere of which he was the bright centre wherever he appeared. As a Divine, a Scholar, a Christian—in short, as an active and useful citizen, few in our country have equalled this lamented prelate.

From the N. Y. Evening Journal of Sept. 15.

DEATH OF BISHOP HOBART.—Intelligence was received last evening, of the demise of this distinguished and much respected prelate. He died at Auburn, on Sunday Morning, after a severe illness, brought on during his visitation of the Churches in the western counties. The anxiety manifested during his illness was great, and his death will occasion much grief, not only to the Church, and his very numerous personal friends, but to the community generally. For although there may be a difference of opinion, even in his own church as well as among others, as to the high church claims which the Bishop uniformly maintained, yet all will unite in awarding to him the high praise of being an honest man, and a fearless and faithful defender of what he deemed the truth. His frank and unassuming manners, his unparalleled industry, and his uncommon tact in the despatch of business, made him the pride and admiration of his diocese, and elevated him to a rank which few Diocesans in this or any other country have ever attained. His remains were brought to this city for interment.

From the Family Visiter, (issued Sept. 18.)

BISHOP HOBART IS NO MORE!

In the course of a visitation of his diocese, he was taken ill of bilious fever, at Auburn, Cayuga County, New-York, and remained there under the solicitous and affectionate care of the Rev. Dr. Rudd. On the 9th a relapse came on, and on the morning of the 12th, the day of Christian rest, he entered into the "rest eternal."

Thus in the midst of his career of duty, discharged with the unshaken constancy and unwearied zeal so eminently his own, he has been called to attend his Lord. We cannot yet estimate our loss. His clergy are bereft of a friend who loved them and watched over them with more than a father's care—of a guide to whom they could at all times look up with confidence for aid and counsel. His diocese is deprived of half its strength. The Church is left destitute of her firmest pillar. The *Sunday School Union*, from its beginning, has had no faster friend—no supporter of half his efficiency. In all the institutions by which our branch of the Church of CHRIST is to be supported and enlarged, he was *the head* to connect and regulate, *the heart* to send life and vigour through every member. Let who would slumber at their posts, his eye was ever wakeful, his hand was ever ready. He was himself, emphatically, “instant in season and out of season,” ready on all occasions “to preach the word, to reprove, to rebuke, to exhort with all long suffering,” where need was. And his personal activity was the least trait in his usefulness:—his almost unlimited, but fully deserved influence over all connected with him, was unceasingly exerted in his Master's cause. To him all looked for direction, from him all received spirit, zeal, and energy.

He has died as he lived—strong in the faith of a crucified Redeemer—devoted to the Church which He purchased with his blood. The “night” has overtaken him, but he “worked while it was day.”

For us who remain, though God has “smitten the shepherd,” He will not suffer “the sheep to be scattered.” That “*the Lord will provide*” is our consolation and support, under a bereavement which no other consideration could render tolerable.

From the New-York American of Sept. 17.

FUNERAL OF BISHOP HOBART.—The remains of the lamented Bishop of this diocese reached this city yesterday morning, in the steamboat Constellation, from Albany, and were interred with the appropriate ceremonies last evening, beneath the Chancel of Trinity Church.

The procession formed at his late residence, in Varick street,
in the following order :—

The Clergy.

Pall Bearers, } CORPSE. { Pall Bearers.

Mourners.

The Assistant Ministers of Trinity Church.

The Church Wardens and Vestrymen of Trinity Church,
as Mourners.

Physician to the Family.

Acting Governor of the State.

The Mayor of the City.

The Faculty and Students of the General Theological
Seminary.

The Faculty and Trustees of Columbia College.

The President of the Senate, and the Court for the Correction
of Errors.

The Judges of the several Courts.

The Vestries of the several Episcopal Churches.

Society for promoting Religion and Learning in the State
of New-York.

The New-York Bible and Common Prayer Book Society.

The Auxiliary New-York Bible and Common Prayer Book
Society.

The New-York Protestant Episcopal Missionary Society.

The New-York Protestant Episcopal Tract Society.

The N. Y. Protestant Episcopal Sunday School Society.

The Trustees of the New-York Protestant Episcopal Public
School.

The Trustees of the New-York Protestant Episcopal Press.

The Literary and Philosophical Society.

The New-York Historical Society.

Trustees of the City Library.

Citizens.

The procession moved at a quarter before 5, and arrived at
Trinity Church about half past 6. It was preceded by nearly
eighty clergymen, and extended about a mile in length, the
number of persons belonging to the various societies, to whom

places were assigned, being about 700. The Church, and the streets through which the procession passed, were thronged to excess. The burial service was read by Bishop Moore, of Virginia, assisted by the Rev. Dr. Lyell and the Rev. Mr. Schroeder. After the service, an impressive and affecting discourse was pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Onderdonk, from the 35th verse of the fifth chapter of John :

“He was a burning and a shining light; and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light.”

The earth which closed over the remains of this venerated individual, has seldom held one more deeply deplored within its bosom. Beside the irreparable loss to the religious society of which he was the head, and the bitter bereavement to the circle of his immediate friends, the public at large have sustained a lamentable deprivation in the withdrawal of so active a character from the scene of his usefulness.

“Be ye wise as serpents, yet harmless as doves,” is the precept which seems to have guided the conduct of Bishop HOBART throughout his arduous career. Bland, frank, and affable, he mingled with the world like one who knew that the cure of souls is not incompatible with the courtesies of society; and the amenity of his manners conciliated as many as the candour of their avowal taught to respect his opinions. It was these features that gave an almost apostolic colouring to his character, and enabled him, when walking among men in the zealous and indefatigable promulgation of his religious tenets, to claim the reverence even of those opposed to them. But one of the most marked characteristics of Bishop HOBART—and it is one that cannot be too highly honoured—was the noble, the almost romantic spirit of patriotism, that animated his bosom. His country, her institutions, and her national character, was ever with him a theme of the most glowing enthusiasm: nor was it a blind devotion, a mere instinctive fondness for the land of his birth. His was a cast of mind, above all others, whose observation and research would lead the possessor to scrutinize the structure, and enable him to measure the value of such a political fabric as ours. He had studied the nature of this government in his closet, he had watched its influence upon the charac-

ter of the people, while in the pursuance of his official duties, he had contrasted it as a whole with the establishments of Europe, and compared it in its details with that from whence it sprung. When to these he had added personal observation, and had witnessed the operations of other systems from the nearest vantage ground, need we remind the reader how energetically and feelingly he poured forth his convictions on the subject?

We need not dwell upon the accomplishments of Bishop HOBART as a scholar and a divine, nor assert that, with his talents, they were such as became his eminent and responsible station. The ability and diligence with which he laboured in his vocation are too well known to need commemorating here. But, in addition to the official care and general interest in the welfare of his fellow men, so unceasingly manifested by Bishop HOBART, there was in him a warmth of disposition, that, blending as it did with both his personal and professional character, and giving equal fervour to his friendships and his faith, added ardour to sanctity, and enforced piety with affection. The disappearance of such a man from the accustomed places where his friendly hand was ever stretched out to warn or to support, where his exhortations were always near to admonish, his prayers ever ready to console, is a mournful and a solemn subject for reflection. We would not invade the holiness of sorrow by drawing from such a cause of grief the usual trite consolations; yet surely if men realize in the spirit a reward for deeds done in the body, he has now the recompense that all would attain. He died in the immediate exercise of his duties; and though called at so brief a warning—unlike the son of Aaron, who was struck from Heaven for putting strange fire into his censer—the mandate that bade him thither found him, kindling the true flame upon the altar.

Lines suggested by the Burial of Bishop HOBART. From the same.

Hark! from yon consecrated tower,
At twilight's dim and cheerless hour,
With mournful tone, the muffled bell
Slowly tolls his solemn knell.

With measured step and streaming eye,
And hearts which heave affection's sigh,
Drooping and sad, the mourning throng
In pensive silence move along.

Their feet ascend the house of prayer,
And Zion's sons assemble there,
With budding youth and withering age,
In holy rites their souls engage.

The sacred preacher's voice is heard
Breathing the solace of the word :
Praying for Hope's celestial pow'r,
To cheer them in affliction's hour.

Alas! their tears do faster flow—
Loud moans attest their heartfelt woe—
Their burning and their shining light,
They feel, hath set in death's dark night.

But weep not, soldier of the cross—
Thine, not thy *captain's*, is the loss :
Clothed in the armour of the *Son*,
He fought the fight—the conquest won ;

And, with triumphant hosts on high,
Now reaps the fruits of victory :
His life approved—his labours done—
Salvation crowns her faithful son.

C.

From the New-York Evening Post of Sept. 18.

FUNERAL OF BISHOP HOBART.—The funeral of the Right Reverend JOHN HENRY HOBART, Bishop of the diocese of New-York, took place yesterday afternoon. The procession was formed at his house in Varick-street, at a little before 5 o'clock. It was exceedingly numerous, and consisted not only of the members of the Episcopal Church, but of respectable individuals of every other denomination, who came to pay this last token of respect to the remains of this eminent divine. Nearly eighty clergymen, it is said, were in the procession, which included also about 700 persons belonging to different institutions and societies, and extended to the distance of a mile. As it proceeded through

Broadway some independent companies, which had been called out that day for military exercise, halted and divided to allow it a passage. The men were ordered to place their arms in the usual position for doing military honours, and stood with their faces bowed on their pieces in a natural and expressive attitude of respect and sorrow.* The procession reached Trinity Church about half past six. So large was the crowd of citizens who attended, that but a small proportion of them could gain entrance into the building. The funeral service was read by Bishop Moore, of Virginia, assisted by Dr. Lyell and the Rev. Mr. Schroeder.

The Rev. Dr. Onderdonk delivered an interesting and pathetic discourse on the occasion, in which he dwelt at some length on the character of the deceased.

From the Philadelphia Recorder, of Sept. 18.

The Auburn Messenger of Sept. 9, mentions the severe illness of Bishop HOBART, who has been detained in that village for some time, and of whose ultimate recovery some of the New-York papers speak in the most discouraging terms.

Since the above was put in type, we have received the deeply melancholy and afflictive intelligence of the death of the Right Rev. Bishop HOBART. This sudden and overwhelming event took place at Auburn, on the morning of the Lord's day, the 12th of September. The Bishop was in his 55th year, in the perfect vigour of life, and still possessed of all the intense energy of his talent and character, for the prosecution of the arduous duties of his office. The Episcopal Church in these United States will experience, through all her borders, a powerful sensation at his sudden removal. There are feelings awakened by the news of his departure, to which every heart must yield response. The Church has unquestionably lost one of her most talented, most energetic, most influential prelates. And notes of solemn warning and of excitement to

* The company by whom this striking and most fit tribute of the soldier of earth to the remains of the higher soldier of the cross, was the corps of *Scott's Cadets*, commanded by Capt. Jackson.

duty come to us double-tongued, when they resound from the grave of such a man, so suddenly, so unexpectedly removed. May his place be abundantly supplied to the diocese, which will mourn his loss with inexpressible sorrow. And may the strongest consolations of divine grace be ministered to the desolate bosoms of a bereaved wife and family, who are left to mourn the loss of the most affectionate of fathers and of friends.

From the Episcopal Watchman of Sept. 18.

DEATH OF BISHOP HOBART.—Scarcely has our beloved Church recovered from the shock produced by the lamented death of Bishop Ravenscroft, ere she is again, in the mysterious providence of God, called on to shed bitter tears over the grave of another of her best and noblest sons:—Bishop HOBART is numbered with the dead !

We will not murmur; though we cannot but sorrow. So bright had been the past career of this distinguished prelate—so reasonable appeared the hope of his future and still increasing usefulness, that the blow which has thus crushed our fond anticipations falls upon us with more than ordinary weight. For nineteen years has the diocese of New-York been favoured with his watchful care and untiring efforts; and by God's blessing upon those efforts, the Church within its limits has steadily advanced, until she has there attained a degree of prosperity unprecedented in the annals of her growth in this country.

Devoutly do we thank God that he has so long continued to the Church the services of this frank, strong minded and warm hearted prelate; most readily do we pay to his memory our feeble tribute of respect:—and whatever may have been the difference of opinion between Bishop HOBART and others on particular points, we presume there are none who will not acknowledge his devotedness to his views of divine truth, and his superior mental endowments.

To the clergy of our Church, the recent "doings of death" among their brethren speak in monitory tones. Within a few

short weeks not less than six have been taken from their ranks. This simple fact speaks in appealing language to their hearts—"What thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might"—"Be ye also ready, for ye know neither the day nor the hour."—"Pray ye therefore the LORD of the harvest that he would send forth labourers."

From the Christian Intelligencer—Published in the city of New-York for an association of members of the Reformed Dutch Church.

BISHOP HOBART.—This venerable Prelate and active servant of his LORD has been arrested in his energetic labours by an attack of the bilious fever, at Auburn, N. Y. We rejoice to learn that the fever has been rebuked and he is now convalescent. The community of which he is so distinguished a member, sympathizes with his flock and his anxious family in the dispensation, and pray for his complete restoration to health, and for his return to his own in the fulness of the blessing of the gospel of CHRIST.—[September 14.]

Since writing the [preceding] notice of Bishop HOBART's illness and convalescence, we have received the painful tidings of his demise, which took place in Auburn, on the morning of Sunday last. He has ended his laborious ministry on earth on the morning of the day which is a type of the Sabbath that will never end, when his labours will be resumed in an assembly that will never break up.

For Bishop HOBART we have for a long time past entertained the warmest friendship. His ministerial activity and the personal enterprise he has ever displayed in promoting the best interests of his Church and the community at large; his great decision of character; his uniform urbanity and agreeable sprightliness of manners, will enrol him among the *mighty dead* of his native country. We condole with his numerous and respectable flock, and with his bereaved family; and we most sincerely pray the great head of the Church to direct his afflicted Church in the proper choice of a successor.

[September 15.]

The following remarks appeared in the same paper, prefaced to the account of the last illness of Bishop HOBART, given in the Gospel Messenger.

As a cheerful but mournful tribute to the memory of a departed friend, who, though not of our communion, was yet a man the like of whom we shall not again soon see serving the Church here below, we publish the following circular entire. He adorned the venerable place he occupied. He was cut down with his armour on him. He fell while on a tour of unceasing labour, and toil, and fatigue. He died as every heroic servant of CHRIST could wish to be found, fighting and keeping his post; and although a majority of our readers do not belong to the episcopal family of CHRIST, yet they will rejoice in witnessing the testimonies of the high esteem in which this excellent and amiable Bishop was held by all who knew him.—[September 25.]

From the Albany Argus.

DEATH OF BISHOP HOBART.—It is with no common sensations of regret that we announce the death of the Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the State of New-York. This great and venerated Prelate expired at Auburn on Sunday morning the 12th inst. of a bilious fever, and after an illness of seven days. The hopes that were at first entertained of his recovery, were momentary. He continued to sink under the fatal severity of the attack, until his dissolution; which took place at the residence of the Rev. Dr. Rudd. Dr. Hobart, son of the Bishop, was with him during the latter stages of his illness.

Well may the Episcopal Church of New-York, and of the Union, deplore this event. Well may the numerous congregations that have been formed and have flourished under the ministrations of this their gifted spiritual head; and the Church, the interest and prosperity of which were so near his heart; sit down in sorrow and desolation. Indeed all who venerate worth, high intellectual attainments, sound learning, and an

ardent, elevated, and rational piety, will feel and mourn the bereavement.

The remains of the lamented Bishop HOBART arrived in New-York on Thursday morning. The evening papers of that city contain the order of the funeral, which was to have taken place at half past 4 o'clock P. M. of that day.

Every where we hear the voice of sorrow and condolence at an event which has filled the churches with mourning.

From the Ontario Repository, of Sept. 15,—Published at Canandaigua.

OBITUARY.—On Sunday morning, the 12th inst. at the village of Auburn, in the house of his friend Rev. Dr. Rudd, after a short and severe illness, departed this life the Right Rev. JOHN HENRY HOBART, D. D., Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the state of New-York, in the 59th [55th] year of his age.—The character of Bishop HOBART was held in universal esteem, and well merited all the esteem it received. With the most affectionate disposition, and the most affable and engaging manners, he united a steadiness of purpose which never compromised the interests of truth. Singular facility of expression, a correct judgment, a memory remarkably retentive and ready on all occasions, the affectionate earnestness and most sincere benevolence portrayed in his countenance and manners, gave charms to his conversation which could be duly appreciated by those only who enjoyed the privilege of his acquaintance. In the domestic circle he was truly amiable—a condescending master, an affectionate husband, and a tender father. Although in the pulpit he was every way qualified to shine, yet his grand aim was to be useful. Clear statements of Christian doctrine and practice, sound arguments addressed to the understanding, exhortations and reproofs pressed upon the conscience, urgent persuasion and kind remonstrance, tones and gestures animated and perfectly natural, pathos produced by the overflowings of a pious heart—all these conspired to place him among the first preachers of our country. Not more faithful as the pastor of a flock than as Bishop of the diocese,

in counsels and admonitions, "in labours and fatigues" to advance the interests of CHRIST's religion and Church throughout his diocese, he was not surpassed by any of the worthy and excellent prelates of these States. Under the expectation that the memoirs of this excellent man will be forth coming at no distant day, we close this short sketch of his truly estimable character.

" To change thy mitre for a heavenly crown,
The gain how great !—can lips of mortal tell
His bliss, who this dull load of flesh lay down,
Among the Patriots and the Saints to dwell,
Where the full tide of praise through deathless years shall swell ?"
[Communicated.]

THE END.

WM. VAN NORDEN, *Print.*

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